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# THE B. A. E. NEWS

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## CENTER MARKET BECOMES A MATTER OF HISTORY.

Center Market Of Washington, D. C., was discontinued on January 1, in accordance with the provisions of Public Resolution No. 82, approved June 6, 1930. The market will be razed to make room for the Government offices proposed in the enlarged building program.

Center Market is one of the oldest markets in the United States. The ground upon which the structure was built was set aside as a public reservation (known as Reservation No. 7) by executive order of President Washington, dated March 3, 1797.

The first public market on this reservation started in 1802, continuing until the recent closing.

The Washington Marketing Company, which erected the present building, was chartered in 1870. This corporation operated the market until March 31, 1922, when the United States Department of Agriculture took it over, in accordance with the terms of the Act of Congress passed March 4, 1921.

Under direction of the Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Kitchen became first superintendent on April 1, 1922, and continued actively in that capacity until October 1, 1923, and nominally for two years and three months following that date. During this latter period, C. H. Walleigh acted as Assistant Superintendent and Acting Superintendent under Mr. Kitchen's guidance. For the last four years Mr. Walleigh has been the recognized executive head of the institution.

The revenues from Center Market during its control by the Department exceeded the expenditures by approximately \$90,000.00 a year. The revenues were derived from rental of market stalls, farmers' line permits, rental of space for wholesale establishments, cold storage service, sale of ice, and other refrigeration service.

Mr. Walleigh, who for some months has been dividing his time between the market and the licensing work under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, was transferred to the latter work on January 1.

## EXPERIMENTAL COTTON GIN NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

The experimental cotton gin authorized in the Buchanan Act and approved by the President last April, is now being constructed under direction of Charles A. Bennett, agricultural engineer in the Bureau of Public Roads, on a site at Stoneville, Mississippi, given by the Delta Branch Experiment Station to the Department. It is expected that the gin will be sufficiently completed that experimental work may begin by about the middle of January.

The gin is intended to develop a knowledge of the fundamentals of cotton ginning and to lay the basis for a more exact ginning technic than now exists. Researches will be carried forward in their engineering phases by the Division of Agricultural Engineering, Bureau of Public Roads, and in the phases of fiber analysis by the Division of Cotton Marketing. Marked interest in the new gin and in its program of work is being expressed not only by growers, ginners and gin manufacturers, but also by cotton merchants and cotton manufacturers.

F. L. Gerdes of the Division of Cotton Marketing has been in frequent consultation with Mr. Bennett at Stoneville during the construction of the buildings and has accumulated the seed cotton which will be the subject of experimentation this year. After a ten-day conference on arrangements for the work with Dr. R. W. Webb in Washington, Mr. Gerdes returned on January 3 to Stoneville where he will assist Mr. Bennett in the installation of equipment and participate in the experimental work.

#### WESTERN STATES REGIONAL OUTLOOK

##### MEETING HELD AT SALT LAKE CITY.

A total of 74 representatives from 10 States and Washington were present at the Western States Regional Outlook Conference at Salt Lake City, December 15-18. The group included directors of extension from Wyoming, Utah, Colorado and Nevada, assistant directors, county agent leaders, college and extension economists, production specialists, and two college presidents. Five of the 10 States had county agent representatives at the conference. The complete report for the western States was not issued at Salt Lake City, but each State took copies to be used in State outlook work.

The sessions on method of outlook work were of special interest and value to new workers, according to V. B. Hart, who returned to Washington from the conference just before the holidays. Another special feature discussed by county agents was how to use outlook information in their local programs. Representatives for the Department were: H. M. Dixon, V. B. Hart, Dr. O. C. Stine, C. A. Burmeister, and W. A. Lloyd. R. I. Nowell, P. R. Taylor and W. A. Schoenfeld of the Federal Farm Board also were in attendance.

Representatives voted for another regional outlook conference to be held next August at Salt Lake City.

#### ALFALFA MEAL STANDARDIZATION

##### WORK IS PROGRESSING.

Enthusiasm over the prospects of developing standards of quality for alfalfa meal was marked among the many alfalfa meal producers and mixed feed manufacturers interviewed by W. H. Hosterman of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, on a recent trip. Mr. Hosterman gathered numerous samples of alfalfa meal during the two months he was in the field. He spent most of



the time in the three principal alfalfa meal producing sections, namely, the Arkansas Valley of Colorado, the Yakima Valley of Washington, and the surplus alfalfa producing sections of California. Men in the trade have promised to give every possible assistance in the development of the standards.

Mr. Hosterman also visited several plants where hay is being cut into 3/4 inch to 3 inch lengths and then baled. By this method the density of the hay is increased materially and approximately 50,000 pounds can be loaded into a car which would hold only about 25,000 pounds of baled hay. He discussed the feeding of chopped hay with representatives of several of the western colleges and found that in Idaho it was a common practice to cut the hay before feeding to sheep or cattle. These feeders stated that there was less waste with the chopped hay than with long hay, and that in the case of beef cattle the animals would eat more chopped hay than long hay, therefore making more rapid gains.

Several hay drying plants also were visited by Mr. Hosterman and samples obtained of the product. At present there is much interest in the artificial drying of alfalfa because of the claims that the artificially-dried alfalfa contains more protein and is higher in certain vitamins than meal produced from sun-cured hay.

#### FOREIGN CROPS AND MARKETS ISSUED ON NEW SCHEDULE.

Beginning with January 5, Foreign Crops and Markets is being issued on a new schedule. Manuscripts for the issues will be made up from foreign news received during the week up to and including Thursday afternoon, when the issue will be closed. The issue will be dated on the next Monday and distribution will be made on the Saturday preceding the Monday of release, so as to place it in the hands of readers at the time it is dated.

Through the cooperation of the Addressing, Duplicating and Mailing Section of the Department and the special efforts of the Foreign Agricultural Service Division, it is believed this will make a publication of increased usefulness to those who are interested in it.

#### BUREAU NOON HOUR RADIO BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The radio program of the Department is broadcast daily, except Sundays, from 12:55 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following members of this Bureau are on the program for the 2 weeks beginning January 5:

January 5, 12:55 p.m., F. J. Hosking, The Seed Situation  
January 6, 1:05 p.m., C. E. Gibbons, The January Hog Markets  
January 8, 1:00 p.m., B. C. Boree, The Citrus Fruit Situation  
January 12, 12:55 p.m., C. L. Harlan, January Lamb Markets  
January 13, 1:05 p.m., C. V. Whalin, January Cattle Markets  
January 15, 1:04 p.m., O. C. Stine, The Price Situation

BUREAU'S WOOL EXHIBIT TO CONTINUE  
IN DEPARTMENT UNTIL JANUARY 10.

The wool utilization and clothing exhibit in the patio of the new administration building of the Department will continue open until January 10, in response to widespread interest in the show and in order to give school Children opportunity to view the technique of wool production and manufacturing processes.

Teachers and students of home economics and textiles in the district schools have been invited by department officials to visit the exhibit, and for this purpose the show will be kept open on Wednesday, January 7, until 10 p.m. Visiting hours on other days are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dr. A. F. Woods, Director of Scientific Work of the Department, has also invited students of the University of Maryland to inspect the exhibit this week, and students of the Hyattsville High School are expected to attend.

The exhibit shows graphically how wool is produced and manufactured into cloth and various other products. It includes numerous garments for men, women, and children, and contains a replica of the "parka" worn by Admiral Byrd in his Antarctic exploration.

IN CONGRESS:

It is expected that the Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Appropriations will open the hearing on the Agricultural Appropriation bill, on January 8, 1931.

S. J. Res. 211, by Senator McNary, for the relief of farmers in the drought and/or storm-stricken areas, which authorizes an appropriation of \$45,000,000, has been signed by the President.

H. R. 14804, - by Mr. Wood, making supplemental appropriations to provide for emergency construction on certain public works with a view to increasing employment has been signed by the President.

Bills Introduced.

H. R. 15501 - by Mr. Garber, a bill in support of extension agents for the relief of counties in the drought-stricken areas.

S. 5441 - by Senator Robinson, to assist in the organization of agricultural credit corporations.

H. R. 15502 - by Mr. Cross, for the prevention and removal of obstructions upon interstate commerce in agricultural commodities by regulating transactions on commodity exchanges, putting a stop to short selling thereon, and for other purposes.

H. R. 15553 - by Mr. Jones of Texas, to provide for the issuance of agricultural export debentures.

S. Res. 384 - by Senator Brookhart, authorizing and directing the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry of the Senate\* \* \* to investigate and report\* \* \* the reasons why whole-wheat flour is higher in price than white flour and why brown and unrefined sugars are higher in price than white and refined sugars and particularly whether such conditions are a result of a combination in restraint of trade.



BUREAU BREVITIES.

MARKET SUMMARIES recently issued by the Division of Fruits and Vegetables, include: Marketing South Florida Tomatoes, 1929-1930 (cooperatively between the Bureau and the Florida State Marketing Bureau), by V. H. Nicholson; Marketing Florida Celery, 1930, Sanford-Oviedo Section, (cooperatively between the Bureau and the Florida State Marketing Bureau), by R. E. Keller; Marketing Imperial Valley Lettuce, 1930, (cooperatively between the Bureau and the California Department of Agriculture), by R. H. Lamb and L. T. Kirby; Marketing Western New York Carrots, 1929-30, (cooperatively between the Bureau and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets), by J. P. Klein and A. L. Thomas.

SUMMARY OF STANDARD TOBACCO GRADES FOR U. S. TYPE 22 are now being distributed in mimeograph form.

DIRECTORY OF TEACHERS GIVING COURSES IN RURAL SOCIOLOGY AND RURAL LIFE has been compiled in the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life for the information of those interested.

U. S. STANDARDS FOR SWEET ANISE (1930) have been released in mimeograph form by the Division of Fruits and Vegetables.

CONSUMER DEMAND FOR APPLES IN NEW YORK CITY, report of a survey made in 1927 cooperatively by the Bureau and the New York Food Marketing Research Council, has been prepared and is now being distributed in mimeograph form for reference by other research workers.

LIST OF CHARTS For the Southern Agricultural Outlook, 1930-31, is now available. Copies of these charts will be furnished by the Bureau in wall size, 30 x 40, upon order, at 75 cents each in paper, \$1.25 mounted on cloth. Address orders to the Division of Economic Information.

BUREAU STOCK LIST (Revised to September 1, 1930) is being distributed. Additional copies may be had from the Division of Economic Information.

SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND HOMEMAKING FACTORS in Farm Living, a study by Randall C. Hill, E. L. Morgan, Mabel V. Campbell, and O. R. Johnson, in which this Bureau cooperated through the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, has been released by the University of Missouri as Agricultural Experiment Station Research Bulletin 148. The supply for distribution by the Bureau has been exhausted, but a copy of the bulletin may be borrowed from the Bureau library.

THE MONTHLY FLAX MARKET REVIEW, issued by the Grain, Hay and Feed Market News Service of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, receives a fine compliment in a recent letter to the division from the Archer-Daniels-Midland Company of Minneapolis, Minn., dealers in linseed products and vegetable oils, who write: "We have for some time intended to write you and congratulate you on your very excellent letter on the flax market situation, dated November 20. It is the best thing we have seen on this subject."

IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending January 2 are:

- Acland, Leopold George Dyke. The early Canterbury runs... First series. Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, Wellington, N.Z., Melbourne, Sydney and London, Whitcombe and Tombs limited, 1930. 279 p. 282 Acl6
- Beveridge, W. H. Unemployment; a problem of industry (1909 and 1930)... New ed. London, New York, Toronto, Longmans, Green and co., 1930. 514 p. 283 B46
- Bowker, H. A further survey of the farm problem; an address before a group of farm paper editors, October 17, 1930. New York, The American agricultural chemical co. [1930] 22 p. 281 B67
- Greenhalgh, Frank. Organization in the cotton trade... Manchester [Eng.] John Heywood ltd., 1930. 40 p. 72 G83
- Hardy, G. S. Report on the import tariff on cotton piece-goods and on external competition in the cotton piece-goods trade, Calcutta, Government of India, Central publication branch, 1929. 101 p. 284.5 H221
- Holgate, Arthur. British agriculture and free trade; a verbatim report of a speech made on May 28th, 1930, at a conference in the Caxton Hall, London. London, Liberal publication department [1930] 12 p. 285 H71
- Jones, C. F. South America... New York, H. Holt and company [1930] 798 p. 278 J71
- Kirkpatrick, Ellis L. The English River congregation of the Church of the Brethren... Iowa City, 1930. 107 p. (Iowa state historical society Iowa monograph series no.2) 134.9 I:9
- Murchison, C. T. King cotton is sick... Chapel Hill, The University of North Carolina press, 1930. 190 p. 72 M93
- National industrial conference board, inc. Wages in the United States, 1914-1929. New York, National industrial conference board, inc., 1930. 223 p. 283 N215Wa



HERE AND THERE.

Mr. Olsen returned to the office this morning from the West.

Dr. O. C. Stine, In Charge of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, was elected President of the American Farm Economic Association at the recent meeting of the Association in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. C. J. Galpin, In Charge of the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, will make four addresses on the subject, "Rural Social Changes and Adjustments," at the Annual Conference of the Extension Service of the University of Maryland.

Guy S. Meloy, Division of Cotton Marketing, will explain the advantages of grading cottonseed to producers and sellers of seed, at a meeting on January 8 in Birmingham, Ala. After the meeting he will visit Montgomery and confer with officials of the State Department about his work.

W. L. Evans, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, will explain the provisions of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act at a meeting on January 7, of the Maryland State Horticultural Society, in Baltimore.

"The first pair to take the fatal step" is the statement in a local newspaper following a photograph of Miss Dorothy L. Witzke and Curtis C. McGhee, who were married at the bridegroom's home, this city, at 12:01 a.m. New Year's day. Mrs. McGhee is a member of the Division of Cotton Marketing. We extend hearty good wishes.

A day late, but prized as the best of Christmas gifts, was the baby daughter, Hildreth, born December 26, to Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Newell. Mr. Newell, a member of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, is now on leave taking graduate work at Harvard University under a fellowship awarded him by the Social Science Research Council.

Dr. William A. Hartman, Land Economics, received word on January 2 of the death of his father at Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, and on January 3 Miss Laura V. Sankey, also of Land Economics, heard that her father had died at his home at Snowdoun, Alabama. Deepest sympathy is extended to Dr. Hartman and to Miss Sankey, both of whom have returned to their homes.

Leander D. Howell, Division of Cotton Marketing, attended a meeting of county agricultural agents of the State of Alabama, at Auburn, Ala., December 29-30, and presented the agricultural outlook material prepared by the Bureau for the southern States, to county agents and extension workers in attendance, so that this material may serve as a basis for formulating an agricultural program for the coming year.

Mrs. F. B. Parsons, who has been acting as stenographer for B. C. Boree, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, resigned from the service December 31. Miss Mabelle Lewis of the Division has been assigned to the position vacated by Mrs. Parsons.

Announcement has been made that Chris L. Christenson, formerly in charge of the Division of Cooperative Marketing in this Bureau, has tendered his resignation as Secretary of the Federal Farm Board, to take effect in the early spring. He has accepted the position as Dean of the College of Agriculture and Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station, University of Wisconsin.

The "Farm Hands" luncheon clubs are to be found in several States, as well as at Washington. Agricultural Statistician Frank Parker is the 1931 President of the one at Raleigh for North Carolina. The average attendance of this club is from 25 to 30. The programs are informal but full of real interesting meat, due to the round-table nature of the discussions of current agricultural topics.

F. G. Robb, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, will discuss the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act at two meetings this week, one at Atlanta, Ga., January 8, of the Atlanta Produce Club, and the second at New Orleans, La., January 9, of the Agricultural Section of the New Orleans Association of Commerce and members of the produce trade. He will also discuss the Act at the Annual Convention of the Western Fruit Jobbers, January 15, at Phoenix, Ariz. On this trip he will visit various markets in California and return by way of Colorado, where he will hold conferences with State officials and representatives of the industry.

The Division of Cotton Marketing has added two bridegrooms to their numbers. We congratulate and offer best wishes to Arthur C. Jones and Edward W. S. Caulkins, who we understand were married during the holiday season.

G. C. Edler, Hay, Feed and Seed Division, returned to Washington last Friday, after spending a month in the field. Immediately following the meeting of the International Crop Improvement Association and Seed Council of North America, in Chicago, he visited some of the leading seedmen in the Middle West in the interest of the seed reporting and seed verification. He was impressed by the fact that seedsmen almost without exception were looking forward to an excellent spring demand for grass and clover seed, chiefly because of the drought. En route to Washington he attended meetings of the economic and statistical associations and of the official seed analysts that were being held in Cleveland.

Joseph M. Byrnes, Division of Cotton Marketing, is making a three months' trip in the South and Southwest, for the purpose of purchasing cotton for use in the preparation of practical forms of the cotton standards and for tests and experiments in the laboratory of the division.

Friends in Washington were extremely sorry to learn of L. S. Fenn's recent bereavement in the death of his father at Spokane, Wash. Mr. Fenn is in charge of the inspection work of the Division of Fruits and Vegetables at Salt Lake City, Utah.

During the next two months, George Gaus, Division of Cotton Marketing, will assist the Board of Cotton Examiners at Savannah and Charleston with the classification and certification of cotton tendered for delivery on future contracts.

WARNING! In view of the fact that several thefts have occurred in the Bureau recently, it is necessary to warn employees to take particular care of their purses when they are not at their desks.



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## MR. CHRISTY TO BECOME ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER IN BERLIN OFFICE.

Donald F. Christy will be transferred from the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, effective February 16, to the Foreign Agricultural Service Division, to take the position of Assistant Agricultural Commissioner in Berlin, Germany. The vacancy in the Berlin office has been caused by the re-assignment of Owen L. Dawson to the position of Agricultural Commissioner at Shanghai, China.

Mr. Christy has been a member of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates since October, 1925, at which time he was appointed as Assistant Statistician in the Ohio office. In July, 1926, he was placed in charge of the Wyoming office. In September, 1928, he was transferred to Colorado to take charge of the work in that State, and in February, 1929, he was brought to Washington, where he has since been assisting with research on the historical revision of crop acreage, yields, and production.

Mr. Christy graduated from Ohio State University in 1924 with the degree of B. S. in Agriculture. He obtained his M. S. degree from that University in June, 1930.

When Mr. Christy sails for his new station on the S. S. President Harding, February 18, he will be accompanied by his bride. He announces that his marriage to Miss Margaret Mitchell of Washington, D. C., will take place in this city on February 6.

## FOREIGN SERVICE MEN NAMED AS AGRICULTURAL ATTACHÉS.

In conformity with certain provisions in the recent Act creating the Foreign Agricultural Service, representatives of that service located in foreign capitals have been designated by the State Department as Agricultural Attachés. E. A. Foley will be Agricultural Attaché at the American Embassy in London, England; Loyd V. Steere, at the Embassy in Berlin, Germany; Louis G. Michael, at the American Legation in Belgrade, Yugo-Slavia; and C. C. Taylor, at the Legation in Pretoria, South Africa.

## MR. BARBOT NOW CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF COTTON EXAMINERS AT SAVANNAH.

Wingate P. Barbot, who has been Chairman of the New York Board of Cotton Examiners since 1922, was recently transferred to Savannah, Georgia, as Chairman of the Board of Cotton Examiners at that point. Southern deliveries on New York futures contracts, as provided for in the amended rules of the New York Cotton Exchange, have become fully effective. Under the new

plan Savannah has become an important delivery point to which considerable quantities of cotton are being submitted for certification under the United States Cotton Futures Act. At the same time the certification of cotton in New York appears for the most part to have been discontinued. It was decided, therefore, to ask Mr. Barbot to accept the transfer to Savannah and to leave the New York office for the present in charge of Sidney Knoller, supervisor of inspection.

#### FIVE MORE CITIES GET BEEF GRADING SERVICE.

The beef grading service of the Bureau was extended to five additional cities during the month of December. Beef consumers in the districts served by Buffalo, N. Y., Erie, Pa., Sioux City, Ia., Wichita, Kans., and Arkansas City, Kans., are the latest to benefit by this branch of the Bureau's work. W. C. Davis, who has been in the field for nearly two months in the interest of getting the work started at the new points, has recently returned to Washington and reports that the service has received a very hearty endorsement by both the trade and the public. In practically everyone of these cities leading journals have featured an article about the inauguration of the beef grading service and the benefits to be derived from it.

Mr. Davis was assisted in the initial grading work by a local representative at the several points. These men, who will be responsible for the grading, are: Harvey Huntington, Sioux City; John L. Glover, Buffalo and Erie; L. P. Stream, Wichita and Arkansas City.

Since July the beef grading service has been started at 8 points, making a total of 17 cities in the United States where it is now available. In addition to the above five, the following cities have the service: Boston, Mass., New York, N. Y., Philadelphia, Pa., Erie, Pa., Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Md., Chicago, Ill., Kansas City, Kans., St. Louis, Mo., Topeka, Kans., Omaha, Nebr., and Detroit, Mich.

#### TENTATIVE EXTENSION PROGRAM DURING AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK CONFERENCE.

The following tentative program has been arranged by the Extension Service to be held during the National Agricultural Outlook Conference, in the Bureau, from January 26 to January 31:

##### Tuesday, January 27.

8:00 p.m., Round-table discussion of plans for 1931 regional outlook conferences - Willard Hotel

##### Friday, January 30.

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Demonstration of the presentation of outlook material to farmers, H. R. Wellman, California

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Demonstration of a talk to farmers on the present situation and adjustments needed to meet it, V. B. Hart, Extension Service, U. S. D. A.

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 m., Demonstration of how a hog situation meeting is conducted, C. R. Arnold, Ohio

Friday p.m. and Saturday will be devoted to informal conferences between State and Federal workers.



MEMBERS OF EFFICIENCYBOARDS ARE NAMED FOR 1931.

The following members of the Bureau have been designated to serve on the Board of Review of Efficiency Ratings for the calendar year 1931. Terms of service of these members will expire on December 31 of the year indicated after their names.

C. W. Kitchen, Chairman

W. F. Callander, 1931

C. L. Finch, 1931

G. W. Morrison, 1932

L. C. Gray, 1932 (vice Mr. England)

Miss Mary G. Lacy, 1933

H. S. Yohe, 1933

(vice F. G. Robb)

F. J. Hughes (non-voting)

BUREAU ARBITRATES CASE BETWEENTWO OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

The Hay, Feed and Seed Division is in receipt of a letter from Sanford Bates, Director of the Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, expressing that Department's appreciation for the Division's help in adjusting a difficulty, concerning a shipment of brooms, which arose between the Department of Justice and the Quartermaster's Office of the War Department, at Chicago.

A carload of brooms shipped from Leavenworth Penitentiary to the Quartermaster at Chicago was claimed to be unsatisfactory upon arrival, and at the request of the Bureau of Prisons, G. B. Alguire of the Kansas City office of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, was sent to Chicago, at the expense of the Department of Justice, and succeeded in arriving at a fair compromise between the Department of Justice and the War Department on the value of the brooms.

LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE COOPERATES MANYMONTHS IN BROADCASTING MARKET REPORTS.

Expressing appreciation that the Bureau's efforts have brought about the broadcasting of the Sioux City livestock market from Station KOA, a recent letter from R. E. Whitlock, Secretary, Traffic-Manager, of the Sioux City Livestock Exchange, indicates the good will which the livestock interests in that city hold for the Bureau's work. The following is quoted from Mr. Whitlock's letter:

"We have been very glad to cooperate in every way with the office of the Bureau of Markets (B.A.E.) at this station, and for many months the writer's private office was used as the broadcasting office with microphone and amplifier supplied by us. More recently the microphone and amplifier have been transferred to the office of the Bureau of Markets in this building. During the fifteen months or more that the broadcasts were made from this office four or five times daily we were glad to close the private office and exclude even the President and Board of Directors themselves, when the time for broadcasting arrived. The representative of the Bureau in charge here (J. D. Hale) has worked with us in perfect harmony in all matters and we have tried to give him any assistance possible to help keep the country informed as to market conditions, and we now wish you to realize our appreciation of your efforts in making the market reports available in a large section of our territory which could not be reached through Radio Station KSCJ, our local station."

BUREAU BREVITIES.

"THE LIBRARY RECEIVES 1827 periodicals, which are regularly used by 136 borrowers. We may have helpful material with which you are not familiar. Ask the Library." (From Bulletin Board, 3rd floor, Bieber Building).

"DO YOU WANT - A Foreign Statistical Yearbook - An Experiment Station Bulletin - A Book on Marketing - A B. A. E. Publication - A Bound Economic Periodical? Would you like to consult - An Atlas - An Encyclopedia - A Commercial Dictionary - A Foreign Language Dictionary? Apply at the Loan Desk, Room 310." (From Bulletin Board, 3rd floor, Bieber Building).

A STUDY OF FARMER ELEVATOR OPERATION in the Spring Wheat Area, a preliminary report giving a summary of expenses, incomes, and margins of operation of a group of farmers' elevators in the spring wheat area, 1927-28, by W. J. Kuhrt, formerly of this Bureau, has just been released. This manuscript is based on data which were obtained for the fourth season of a 5-year study. The study was conducted by the Bureau in cooperation with the agricultural experiment stations of Minnesota, North Dakota, and Montana.

SOME PRINCIPLES OF GRAPHIC PRESENTATION, by R. G. Hainsworth, In Charge of the Graphic Section, and Thew D. Johnson, Division of Farm Management and Costs, formerly In Charge of Graphic Section, has been reprinted from "Research Method and Procedure in Agricultural Economics," a publication of the Advisory Committee on Economic and Social Research in Agriculture of the Social Science Research Council. This brief summary is applicable to charts, maps, and other illustrations intended for relatively small-size publication in bulletins, manuscripts, books, etc. Copies of the summary may be had upon request of the Division of Economic Information.

DOMESTIC DEMAND IN 1930 and Prospects for 1931, abstracts from addresses before Regional Outlook Meetings at Washington, D. C., September 18; Ames, Iowa, September 25; and Atlanta, Ga., November 11, 1930, by L. H. Bean, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, is now being distributed in mimeograph form.

INSTRUCTIONS OF THE CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS, governing the disposal of diseased domestic rabbit carcasses and parts thereof under the regulations governing the inspection and certification of dressed domestic rabbits and edible products thereof for condition and wholesomeness, promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture on February 28, 1930, have been mimeographed and may be had by those interested.

TOMATOES FOR CANNING AND MANUFACTURING, Farmers' Bulletin No. 1233 by James H. Beattie, Office of Horticultural Crops and Diseases, recently released by the Bureau of Plant Industry, contains the following statement concerning this Bureau's grades for canned tomatoes: "'U. S. grades' for canning tomatoes have been established by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the United States Department of Agriculture, and their use has greatly helped growers and canners in handling the crop."



MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU DURING DECEMBER:

The following manuscripts were submitted to the Division of Publications during December:

Hosterman, W. H.: A Method of determining the volume and tonnage of hay stacks. For Tech. Bul. (In cooperation with States).  
Nason, W. C.: Rural community fire departments. For F. B.  
Reynoldson, (Humphries, and Martin): Harvesting in the Corn Belt with combines and binders. For Tech. Bul. (In cooperation with Public Roads and Plant Industry).  
Regulations for warehousemen storing seeds under U. S. warehouse Act. For S. R. A. 122.  
Sherman, Caroline B., Public Markets. For Leaflet.

The following articles have been approved for publication in the periodicals named:

Bean, L. H.: Book review: Quality as a determinant of vegetable prices, by F. V. Waugh. For Journal of Political Economy.  
Callander, W. F.: Grain and cotton crops. For American Yearbook.  
Galpin, C. J.: Book Review: Farm children, by Bird T. Baldwin, Eva Fillmore, and Lora Hadley. For Journal of Farm Economics.  
Galpin, C. J.: Division of Farm Population and Rural Life. For U. S. Daily.  
Garlock, F. L.: Agricultural credit in the United States For International Review of Agriculture.  
Holmes, C. L.: Technique and management in farming. For volume to be issued by Taylor Society.  
Lacy, Mary G.: Production control during two thousand years. For Nation's Business.  
Lanham, W. B.: Grade and staple of the annual supply of American cotton. For Cotton Trade Journal.  
McCarthy, B. M.: In Review - 1930. For Souvenir Bulletin of the Retail Meat Dealers Association.  
Palmer, A. W.: Domestic markets - Cotton. For U. S. Daily.  
Potts, R. C.: Statistical position of dairy and poultry markets revealed by market reports. For U. S. Daily.  
Sherman, C. B.: Should consumers be interested in the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act? For Journal of Home Economics.  
Valgren, V. N.: Research in the Division of Agricultural Finance. In 2 parts. For U. S. Daily.  
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IN CONGRESS:

- H. R. 15592, - the first Deficiency Bill has passed the House. The bill carries an appropriation of \$38,980 for the Administration of the Warehouse Act.
- H.J.Res. 447 - by Mr. Wood, making appropriations to carry out the provisions of public resolution entitled "Joint resolution for the relief of farmers in the drought and storm-stricken area of the United States" has passed both houses and is now in conference.

Bills Introduced.

- H. R. 15985, - by Mr. Cross, for the prevention and removal of obstructions and burdens upon interstate commerce in agricultural commodities, by regulating transactions on commodity exchanges, putting a stop to short selling thereon. \* \* \*
- H. J. Res. 461, by Mr. Almon, authorizing the appropriation of \$30,000,000 to be expended by the American National Red Cross for the purchase of food and clothing for the purpose of relieving distress among the unemployed and in drought-stricken areas. \* \* \*
- S. 5659, - by Senator Sheppard, authorizing rental payments to the Houston Cotton Exchange for space used by the classification committee of the United States Department of Agriculture.
- H. R. 15990 - by Mr. Sinclair, to extend the time for repayment of certain loans to farmers for seed, feed and fertilizer \* \* \*.
- H.J.Res. 452- by Mr. Jones of Texas, to establish a rate-adjustment division for the benefit of agriculture.
- H. R. 15617 - by Mr. Glover, to aid agricultural extension work in the drought stricken areas.
- H.J.Res. 451- by Mr. Blanton, directing Federal land banks to suspend and withhold foreclosures of mortgages securing a loan made by banks in the drought areas \* \* \*.
- S. Res. 391 - by Senator Brookhart, authorizing and directing the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry \* \* \* to investigate and report \* \* \* the reasons why whole-wheat flour is higher in price than white flour and why brown and unrefined sugars are higher in price than white and refined sugars \* \* \*.
- S. 5542 - by Senator Capper and H. R. 15618, by Mr. Dickenson, to amend the grain futures act by placing restrictions on future trading.

HERE AND THERE.

Dr. L. C. Gray, Division of Land Economics, has been invited to serve as a member of the Editorial Board of the "American Economic Review," the official publication of the American Economic Association.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Myers, who announce the birth of a daughter, Margaret Jeanette, on January 9. Mr. Myers is a member of the staff of Farm Management and Costs.

An unexpected incident on the trip of W. A. Sherman, who returned last Saturday from making addresses before meetings of the Boston Market Gardeners' Association in Boston and the Massachusetts Fruit Growers Association in Worcester, Mass., was a meeting at New Haven, Conn., Friday evening, arranged so Mr. Sherman could attend between trains. Representatives of the trade were present from four or more of the largest towns in the State. The 50 or 60 men in attendance were nearly all licensees under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, the others being representatives of railroads. Mr. Sherman reports that there was the usual intense interest in the Department's understanding of the Act and proposed methods of procedure, and for an hour or two following the meeting the usual questions were asked.

Lynn Ramsey Edminster joined the Foreign Agricultural Service Division January 2 as Principal Agricultural Economist, coming to the Bureau from the Brookings Institution. He will take charge of the work on foreign agricultural legislation. Mr. Edminster holds an A. B. degree from Brookings Institution. For three years he was a member of the economic staff of the U. S. Tariff Commission and for seven years he served as an economist in the Institute of Economics, Brookings Institution. He was Associate Professor of Commerce and Business Administration at the University of Virginia in 1926-27, and for ten years he has been employed as part-time Professor in the School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University. Mr. Edminster is the author of "The Cattle Industry and the Tariff," and a book just recently off the press, entitled, "International Control of Raw Materials." Both of these were published under the auspices of the Institute of Economics, Brookings Institution. "The Wheat Industry and the Tariff," now in manuscript form, of which he is co-author, is soon to be published by the Institute of Economics.

Dr. O. E. Baker, Division of Land Economics, will attend the Farm and Home Week of the College of Agriculture, University of Illinois, on January 13 and 14, where he will deliver two addresses on "The Long-Time Outlook for Land Utilization: Part I, Prospects for Production; and Part II, Prospects for Consumption."

M. R. Cooper and S. W. Mendum, Division of Farm Management and Costs, will go to Winchester, Va., this week to spend several days in conference with representatives of the Agricultural Experiment Stations of Virginia, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania, with regard to a study of farm management problems of apple farming in the Cumberland-Shenandoah region; to decide on the method of analyzing data obtained during the last two years; and to plan for cooperative work for the coming year.

The retirement of Miss Carrie M. Lancaster, effective January 1, has just been approved. Miss Lancaster was in the Government service for more than 38 years, 33 of which she was a member of the crop reporting staff. Always a highly efficient clerk, she had shown particular aptitude during the last few years for solving multiple correlation problems, and was employed to a large extent in instructing other clerks in this technical phase of statistical work.



W. F. Callander, In Charge, Division of Crops and Livestock Estimates, will leave Washington at the end of this month for a trip into Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia, where he will visit the field offices and arrange for the division's work for 1931, and confer with representatives of cooperating agencies.

Edwin W. Gaumnitz, who served the Bureau as collaborator from June, 1922, to January, 1923, in connection with a special livestock marketing study in Minnesota, and since April, 1930, has been acting as collaborator in the dairy market news service in California, has been appointed to the position of Senior Agricultural Economist in the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, with headquarters in New York City. Mr. Gaumnitz will conduct a study of consumer preference and demand for quality in eggs. He received his B. S. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1921 and has completed graduate work at that University.

D. A. Coleman, Grain Division, is leaving Washington Friday for Chicago, Ill., Minneapolis, Minn., Kansas City and St. Louis, Mo., New York, N. Y., and Winnipeg, Canada. He will check the operations of the Tag Heppenstall moisture meters which are used in the field offices in the States, and in Winnipeg, observe the effect of extremely cold weather on the operation of this meter. Dr. Coleman will be away for three weeks.

T. W. Heitz, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, is in Austin, Texas, training the three Government poultry inspectors located in the George A. Hormel & Company's packing plant, to grade poultry in accordance with U. S. standards and grades. The grading service is desired by this firm in order that it may market its canned whole and half birds, not only as Government inspected and certified but also as Government graded of a specified grade. In connection with this trip Mr. Heitz will spend some time in Kansas checking up on the poultry grading work conducted in the ten plants of the Sunflower Poultry Packers Association, which work is in charge of E. H. Pringle, licensed supervisor. Mr. Heitz will also demonstrate U. S. Standards and grades for dressed poultry as the Fact Finding Conference in Chicago, January 20 and 21.

In the interest of the beef grading service, W. C. Davis, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, will leave Washington Sunday for New York City and Buffalo, N. Y., Erie, Pa., Detroit, Mich., Chicago, Ill., St. Louis, Mo., Kansas City, Mo., Omaha, Nebr., Wichita, Kans., Sioux City, Ia., and Cleveland, Ohio. At Buffalo, N. Y., January 20, he will explain the service to a meeting of meat dealers. He will also discuss the service before a meeting of the Kiwanis Club at St. Louis, January 29.

Mrs. F. H. Curry, Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, who has been on extended leave of absence, has returned and been assigned as Stenographer to Paul Koenig.

James G. Cross, Transportation Specialist, will leave Washington about January 15 for Southwest Texas, and California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Colorado, where he will interview railroad, express, and boat officials and field representatives of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products and Fruits and Vegetables, in connection with present arrangements for reports and to make plans for future reports for the market news services of the two divisions. He will be in the field two months.

The Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates acquired two "junior" statisticians during the Christmas holidays. One is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben U. Kienholz, born December 23, and the other the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel T. Marsh, born December 29. Mr. Kienholz is in charge of the crop estimating work in North Dakota, and Mr. Marsh, of the work in Tennessee.

James K. Wallace, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, returned to Washington last Friday after being in the field since last spring, conducting livestock and meat demonstrations.

The Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates is calling into Washington, the following field statisticians, who will assist in the preparation of the livestock report to be issued January 26: M. M. Justin, Indiana; M. R. Wells, Arizona, Gustav Burmeister, Massachusetts, R. K. Smith, Illinois.

Marion Clawson and Miss Clara Partridge were married New Year's day at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, we have just learned. Mr. Clawson is a member of the Division of Farm Management and Costs. We extend sincere good wishes for happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Clawson.

Walter J. Morgan, In Charge of the Los Angeles office of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, was operated upon December 29 for appendicitis. The operation is reported as being successful and Mr. Morgan is said to be recovering satisfactorily.

Another member of the Hay, Feed and Seed force, G. B. Alguire, of the Kansas City office, underwent a minor operation on December 30 and is also reported to be doing nicely.

Washington friends congratulate Supervisor J. R. Holmes of the Galveston, Texas, office, Grain Division, announcement of whose marriage to Mrs. Mary E. Ketchum, December 18, has just been received.

No members of the Bureau will take part in the radio program of the Department during the week beginning January 19 because of the Outlook Committee Meetings.

At a meeting of the Library staff of the Department Friday afternoon, January 16, at 4:30 p.m. in the reading room of the main library, M. S. Eisenhower, Director of Information, will give a talk on the publication work of the Department.



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## OUTLOOK WORK COMMANDS FIRST ATTENTION OF BUREAU STAFF.

This week a Bureau conference on the agricultural outlook for 1931 is considering the preliminary reports prepared by the various outlook committees. The staff workers began meeting Tuesday morning, January 20, in the Conference Room 411, Bieber Building, and the conference will continue Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It is hoped to complete these sessions by Friday afternoon.

The general outlook conference, in which representatives of the States will participate, begins Monday, January 26, at 9:30 a.m., and will continue until Thursday afternoon. It is expected that the completed, final report will then be approved and ready for distribution on Saturday, January 31, for release on Monday, February 2.

On Wednesday evening a round table discussion of plans for regional outlook conferences will be held at 8:00 o'clock at the Willard Hotel. The Extension conference which was announced last week, will be held on Friday, January 30, in the Conference Room, 411 Bieber Building. Detailed programs have been mimeographed and are available to all workers.

## NATIONAL RADIO BROADCAST ON OUTLOOK INCLUDES SECRETARY HYDE AND CHAIRMAN LEGGE.

A national broadcast of the outlook report over the National Broadcasting Company's chain, on February 2, has been arranged. The speakers will be Chairman Legge of the Federal Farm Board, Secretary Hyde, Dr. C. W. Warburton, and Mr. Olsen. The program will occupy an hour of time. Music will be furnished by the Marine Band.

At noon on the following three days, the following members of the Bureau will present in detail the outlook on various commodities:

February 3, O. C. Stine, The Wheat Outlook; A. W. Palmer, The Cotton Outlook; C. E. Gage, The Tobacco Outlook; J. A. Becker, The Feed Grains Outlook.

February 4, C. L. Holmes, The Dairy Outlook; G. B. Thorne, The Beef Cattle Outlook; C. A. Burmeister, The Hog Outlook; C. V. Whalin, The Sheep and Wool Outlook.

February 5, W. A. Sherman, The Potato Outlook; J. W. Park, The Fruit Outlook; Paul Koenig, The Early Vegetable Outlook; Roy C. Potts, The Poultry and Egg Outlook.

## CROP ESTIMATES TO MOVE TWO OFFICES TO STATE COLLEGES.

The Atlanta office of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, of which D. L. Floyd is in charge, will be moved on January 23 to Athens.

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Georgia, under a cooperative agreement with the State College of Agriculture. The college is furnishing the Bureau with office quarters and additional clerical and technical assistance, so that it will be possible to expand materially the scope of the crop and livestock estimating work in Georgia.

A similar move is planned for the office in New Mexico, now located in Las Cruces. Fred Daniels heads this office. Late in the fall an agreement was entered into with the New Mexico College of Agriculture for conducting the crop estimating work on a cooperative basis. W. F. Callander, In Charge of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, will visit New Mexico early in February, after which the State office will probably be moved to the college headquarters at State College.

#### TOBACCO GRADING EXTENDED TO WISCONSIN UNDER THREE-CORNERED AGREEMENT.

Tobacco grading service for the Northern Wisconsin Tobacco Marketing Pool will be inaugurated in the immediate future under the terms of an agreement entered into between this Bureau and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture and Markets, coupled with a three-cornered agreement consummated between these two agencies and the Wisconsin Pool itself. Under the terms of this agreement this Bureau will employ the necessary numbers of graders and supervisors to conduct the grading activities heretofore conducted by the Pool itself. By this arrangement a faithful adherence to the Federal standard grades for northern Wisconsin tobacco is guaranteed and the interests of the Pool and of the buyers of the tobacco will be impartially safeguarded.

This development, in which the growers, representatives, and buyers alike have manifested keen interest, is looked upon in the Bureau as an important forward step in the tobacco grading service and the application of the standard grades to tobacco. The service is in its second year and has already shown remarkable expansion in the volume and scope of its activities. Already there are several indications that the grading service is attracting attention in foreign countries and may prove a valuable adjunct to international trade in American-grown tobacco.

#### MRS. RICE'S RADIO PROGRAM POPULAR WITH HOUSEWIVES.

Suggestions for a varied breakfast menu, a recent contribution by Mrs. Wilna C. Rice of the Division of Economic Information, in the radio program on the Retail Food Market, conducted by the Extension Service of the University of Maryland and the Department on Station W.R.C., may offer some helpful ideas to the housekeepers in the Bureau. Mrs. Rice conducts the program on Friday of each week, at 12 noon.

There may be some housekeepers like the "Mary Jane" whom Mrs. Rice discussed in her recent program. Mary Jane had got into the "deadly breakfast rut" of daily serving her husband with fried eggs. A market expedition suggested such appetizing dishes as sausage with waffles or fried apple rings; creamed chipped beef on toast; different kinds of breakfast cereals, including wild rice, steel cut oats, cracked wheat, hominy grits and farina; Boston baked beans; and calf brains with scrambled eggs.

Mrs. Rice has developed a chatty program style that is becoming



increasingly popular. Her fan mail consists of about 15 post cards. Recently one of the Washington papers answered an inquiry in its Question and Answer Column, concerning her sources of information, and later carried a feature article about her. Mrs. Rice obtains her facts from the local markets.

#### ARMY OFFICERS COMPLETE

##### TRAINING IN GRAIN GRADING.

Twelve army officers recently completed training in the grading of grain according to the U. S. standards. E. G. Borner, In Charge of the Grain Investigations Project, who is a Major in the Army Reserve Corps, was called into active service for 15 days for the purpose of instructing this group. Only ten of the officers were formally enrolled in the class, but the two additional officers also completed the work.

The Army purchases large quantities of grain, particularly of oats and corn, on the basis of Government grades, and it is necessary for the inspecting officers to be familiar with the requirements of the grades when purchasing and accepting grain.

#### DEPARTMENT COOPERATES IN PLANS FOR

##### ORGANIZING U. S. NARCOTIC FARM.

The Department of Agriculture is cooperating with the Treasury Department in making plans for the organization of the farm that will be operated in connection with the U. S. Narcotic Hospital that is to be located near Lexington, Ky., next year. The hospital will be used primarily for convicts who have the narcotic habit, but anyone similarly addicted may have treatment there if he complies with the regulations of the institution.

Last week representatives from the Bureaus of Animal Industry, Dairy Industry, Plant Industry, Soils, and Agricultural Economics, accompanied Graham H. Woolfall of the Supervising Architect's office of the Treasury Department to Lexington for the purpose of selecting a location for the various farm buildings and to obtain local information necessary in outlining a plan for the organization of the farm unit. This Bureau was represented by H. A. Miller of the Division of Farm Management and Costs.

The reservation contains approximately 1,050 acres of land. Eight hundred acres of this tract will be set aside for farming purposes. The farm is to be organized and operated mainly to supply food for the institution and at the same time provide some outdoor activities for the inmates. There will be a dairy of 100 cows and the young stock necessary to maintain the herd. A poultry plant with 4,000 laying hens will be maintained, and a hog enterprise large enough to provide 160,000 pounds of pork annually. A considerable acreage will be devoted to the production of potatoes, sugar corn, tomatoes and such other truck crops as are adapted to local conditions of soil and climate. There will also be a processing plant to take care of any surplus vegetables.

The somewhat unusual requirements to be met in the matter of food production and the rather limited acreage available for crops and pasture present some interesting but difficult problems in organization and management of the farm, Mr. Miller reports. In addition to 100 tons of concentrated feeds that must be bought, some 18,000 bushels of corn, 3,000 bushels of small grain, 200 tons of hay and 360 acres of pasture will be required to provide feed for the work animals and the productive livestock enterprises.



BUREAU NOON HOUR RADIO  
BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The radio program of the Department is broadcast daily, except Sundays, from 12:55 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following members of this Bureau are on the program for the week beginning January 26:

January 26, 1:00 p.m., G. A. Collier, January Grain Markets  
January 27, 1:05 p.m., C. L. Harlan, Uncle Sam's Livestock Inventory  
January 28, 12:55 p.m., Roy C. Potts, January Poultry Markets  
January 29, 12:55 p.m., L. M. Davis, January Dairy Markets

BUREAU BREVITIES.

FARMERS' EXPERIENCES AND OPINIONS as factors influencing their cotton-marketing methods are tabulated and discussed by T. B. Manny in Cir. 144 just off the press. The survey on which the publication was based was conducted in cooperation with the Division of Cooperative Marketing before that division was transferred to the Federal Farm Board. The summary and conclusions drawn from this study are addressed separately to the cotton cooperatives, the members of these cooperatives, the nonmembers, and the agricultural extension service.

SWEETCLOVER IN CORN BELT FARMING is the subject of Farmers Bulletin 1653, written by M. A. Crosby of this Bureau and Mr. Kephart of the Bureau of Plant Industry, and issued last week. This supersedes F. B. 1005. Tremendous expansion in the use of sweetclover in the Corn Belt during the past 10 years made necessary a further study and the publication of this up-to-date information.

THE SHEEP HERDER'S INTERPRETATION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM, by James K. Wallace, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, appears in the December, 1930, edition of The National Wool Grower. He gathered this interpretation of the well loved Psalm from Fernando D'Alfonso, an old Basque sheep herder on the Nevada desert. Among other things, D'Alfonso told Mr. Wallace: "David and his ancestors knew sheep and their ways \*\*\*. The daily repetition of the Psalm fills the sheep herder with reverence for his calling. \*\*\* It is our bulwark when the days are hot or stormy; when the nights are dark; when wild animals surround our bands. Many of its lines are the statement of the simple requirements and actual duties of a Holy Land shepherd in the care of his flocks, whether he lives at the present day or followed the same calling six thousand years ago. Phrase by phrase it has a well understood meaning for us."

SUMMARY OF STANDARD TOBACCO GRADES for U. S. Type 23 has been made and is now available in mimeograph form for distribution. The summary has been prepared to give farmers, dealers, and others interested the general plan of the standard system of grades for Western fire-cured tobacco of the Paducah, Mayfield, Murray and Paris district of Kentucky and Tennessee, classed as U. S. Type 23. Copies may be obtained from the Tobacco Section.

RICE FACTS, containing brief text, several tables, and 8 charts, presenting the 1930-31 outlook for rice, is now being distributed.

TENTATIVE MARKET CLASSES AND GRADES OF KIPS AND CALFSKINS (Revised) have been defined in a recent mimeograph statement for the information of those interested.

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IN CONGRESS:

The Agricultural Appropriation bill has been reported out of the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

The bill carried an appropriation of \$7,237,867 for this Bureau compared with \$7,145,035 as passed by the House.

The increases added by the Senate are as follows:

Studies of forest land utilization in Europe	
(Under supervision of the Forest Service)	\$12,500
Market inspection of canned foods	30,000
Livestock market news service at Louisville, Ky.	13,500
Market News Service at Ogden, Utah	2,600
Market News Service on Tobacco	30,000
Grain Standards Act	3,531
Warehouse Act	700
Total	\$92,831

H.J. Res. 447, making an appropriation of \$45,000,000 for relief of farmers in drought and storm stricken areas has been approved by the President.

Bills Introduced

H. J. Res. 466, by Mr. Fulmer, authorizing an appropriation of \$10,000,000 to be expended by the American Red Cross for the purchase and distribution of cotton cloth \* \* \* among unemployed in drought-stricken areas.

Amendments have been offered to various bills for the purpose of providing for loans for the purchase of food.

H.R. 16160 - by Mr. Temple, authorizing an appropriation to defray the expenses of participation by the United States in the World's Grain Exhibition and Conference to be held in Canada in 1932.

H.R. 16118 - by Mr. Golder, to provide for loans to States for drought and unemployment relief.

H.J. Res. 468, by Senator Patman, authorizing loans in certain emergency cases, for use in making payments on loans of Federal land banks and joint-stock land banks.

HERE AND THERE.

Mr. Kitchen spoke last Friday before the National League of Commission Merchants, in Philadelphia, on "The Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act." On January 21 he will discuss this same subject at a meeting of the American Fruit and Vegetable Shippers Association in Chicago.

W. A. Sherman, In Charge, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, is spending the first three days of this week in Chicago, in attendance at the meeting of the American Fruit and Vegetable Shippers Association.



Asher Hobson, In Charge, Foreign Agricultural Service, is on the Farmers' Home Week Program, to be held at the University of Wisconsin, in Madison, February 2-7. He will discuss the subject, "World Dairy Markets for 1931."

Dr. O. E. Baker, Division of Land Economics, has three speaking engagements in February. On February 2, 3 and 4 he will address the Farm and Home Week Meeting, to be held at Bozeman, Mont., on the subject: "Outlook for Land Utilization: (a) Land Resources and Rate of Depletion; (b) Advances in Agricultural Technique and Trend of Production; (c) Changes in Consumption of Farm Products; and (d) Land Resources of Competing Foreign Countries." He will address the graduate students and faculty of North Dakota Agricultural College, at Fargo, February 6 and 7, on the subject: "Land Utilization: (a) Prospects for Production; and (b) Prospects for Consumption." On February 24 at New Brunswick, N. J., he will discuss the subject, "Some Factors in the Longtime Outlook for Land Utilization" as his part in the regional extension program for the Eastern States, entitled "Social and Economic Trends Affecting Country Life."

Dr. C. L. Holmes, In Charge, Division of Farm Management and Costs, will address the Southern Agricultural Workers Conference, to be in session at Atlanta, Ga., February 2-6, on "Recent Developments in Methodology and Their Contribution to Farm Management Research Work."

Dr. C. J. Galpin, In Charge, Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, will make an address before the Nineteenth Annual Farm and Home Convention in Lexington, Ky., January 30, on the subject, "A Changing Farm Life: What It Is Parting With; What Gaining; What Holding Fast."

The Bureau's outlook work is the best example of coordination in the Department, according to M. S. Eisenhower, Director of Information. Mr. Eisenhower made this statement in a talk on the publication work of the Department before the Library staff, January 16. The success of this coordination, he pointed out, is attributable to the fact:

That the outlook report is the result of conferences in drawing it up, between this Bureau and other bureaus of the Department and the Federal and State extension services;

That after it is drawn up it is carried back to the people through the State workers, through advance mimeograph press releases by the Press Service, over the radio, in bulletins, and by the spoken word through meetings in the States;

That the Bureau links up closely with the States in holding these State outlook meetings and in distributing the publications;

That many of the States use the Bureau's report as the basis of their own outlook reports.

Nine Army officers and one Sergeant are now receiving instruction in the hay laboratory of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, in the inspection of hay according to U. S. standards. Classes began January 8 and will continue through the 29th of this month.

Bureau workers who have Bureau publications which they wish to dispose of, are asked to send them to the Division of Economic Information rather than to the Bureau Library.

Mr. Englund returned to the office this morning after an absence of a month, during which he made addresses before meetings of the State Extension Services of California and Oregon and visited several of the field offices of the Bureau.

Correction. Lynn Ramsay Edminster has a Ph. D. degree from Brookings Institution and not an A. B. degree, as stated in last week's B. A. E. News. Several words in the copy were omitted in setting the type. That part of the item should have read: Mr. Edminster holds an A. B. degree from Harvard University and a Ph. D. degree from Brookings Institution.

Wm. E. Lewis, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, will give an address on "Grades for Fruits and Vegetables" before the Annual Meeting of the National Cannery Association, in Chicago, Ill., January 19-22. He will also act as leader in the discussion incident to his paper, on buying products for the cannery on the basis of the standard grades for apples, spinach, and tomatoes, and the discussion on studies of grades for cherries and sweet corn.

Howard V. Kittle, of the Lansing Mich., office, Hay, Feed and Seed Division, also will attend the Annual Meeting of the National Cannery Association and speak on "Applying Federal Bean Grades to Cannery Purchases."

Paul Koenig, Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, and Paul M. Williams, Warehouse Division, are in Chicago this week attending the Annual Convention of the National Cannery Association.

As a member of the Committee of Agricultural Experts to the League of Nations, Loyd V. Steere, Agricultural Attaché to Berlin, Germany, spent January 12 to 15 in Geneva, in attendance at a meeting of the committee.

Dr. C. F. Marbut, Principal Soil Scientist of the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils, the speaker at the Wednesday Extension Conference, January 14, made an interesting comparison of the agricultural possibilities, particularly in regard to wheat, in Russia and the United States, basing his statements on information gathered last summer when he attended the Soils Congress in Russia. The facts presented by Dr. Marbut are included in a reprint from The Geographical Review of the American Geographical Society, entitled, "Russia and the United States in the World's Wheat Market," a copy of which may be consulted in the Department Library.

T. B. Manny, Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, is on the program February 5, of the Annual Conference of the Michigan Country Life Association, to be held during Farmers' Week at Michigan State College, East Lansing, Mich. He will give an address on the subject, "A Sociological View of Legislation."

John L. Stewart, Foreign Agricultural Service, spoke before the class in Journalism at George Washington University, January 12, on the value of agricultural news, particularly in recent years, and the part played by the Department of Agriculture in furnishing agricultural news through publications. Mr. Stewart used Foreign Crops and Markets, of which he is Editor, as an example. He also made a few remarks on international affairs giving rise to such agricultural news as is carried in Foreign Crops and Markets.

E. C. Parker is now occupying room 404 in the Bieber Building.

Congratulations are extended to H. F. Bryant, Statistician for Kentucky, who we just learn has a baby daughter, born January 9.



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## OUTLOOK MEETINGS BEGIN WITH ABOUT 50 STATE MEN PRESENT.

Approximately 50 men, representing State Extension Services or State Colleges of Agriculture, are in Washington for the purpose of participating in the general outlook conference. The meetings began yesterday, January 26, and will continue until Thursday afternoon. The following States have representation:

Arizona - Dr. G. W. Barr, College of Agriculture, University of Arizona; Arkansas - John C. Barnett, District Agent; California - Dr. H. R. Wellman, College of Agriculture, University of California; Connecticut - Dr. E. A. Perregaux, P. L. Putnam, G. B. Clarke, Connecticut Agricultural College; Delaware - A. D. Cobb, State Leader of County Agents, University of Delaware; Idaho - Ezra T. Benson, Extension Division, H. E. Drobish; Illinois - R. C. Ross, R. C. Hudelson, College of Agriculture; Indiana - W. W. Underwood, Purdue University; Iowa - J. C. Galloway, Dr. A. G. Black, Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts; Kansas - I. N. Charman, Kansas State Agricultural College; Kentucky - L. A. Vennes, Field Agent in Marketing, College of Agriculture, University of Kentucky; Louisiana - M. J. Voorhies, Louisiana State College; Maine - D. W. Reed, R. N. Atherton, College of Agriculture, University of Maine; Maryland - S. H. DeVault, A. B. Hamilton, University of Maryland; Massachusetts - E. W. Bell, H. B. Rowe, Massachusetts Agricultural College; Michigan - H. A. Berg, R. V. Gunn, Michigan State College; Minnesota - S. B. Cleland, Department of Agriculture, University of Minnesota; Mississippi - T. M. Patterson, Mississippi A. & M. College; Missouri - D. C. Wood, College of Agriculture, University of Missouri; Montana - Paul Carpenter, Montana State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts; Nebraska - Ralph H. Cole, College of Agriculture, University of Nebraska; Nevada - L. E. Cline, Prof. V. E. Scott, College of Agriculture, University of Nevada; New Hampshire - Dr. Max F. Abell, University of New Hampshire; New Jersey - W. F. Knowles, College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, State University of New Jersey; New Mexico - L. H. Hauter, Assistant Director of Extension Service, New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts; New York - Dr. M. C. Bond, L. E. Cruikshank, New York State College of Agriculture; North Carolina - Dr. Geo. W. Forster, North Carolina State College of Agriculture; North Dakota - Rex E. Willard, North Dakota Agricultural College; Ohio - C. R. Arnold, College of Agriculture, Ohio State University; Oregon - L. R. Breithaupt, Oregon State Agricultural College; Rhode Island - G. E. Adams, Director of Extension Service, Rhode Island State College, R. B. Corbett, Experiment Station; South Dakota - A. M. Eberle, Sherman Johnson, South Dakota State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts; Utah - C. O. Stott, Utah State Agricultural College; Vermont - C. W. Gilbert, University of Vermont; Virginia - W. J. Nuckolls, Jr., Virginia



Polytechnic Institute; Washington - H. E. Drobish (from Idaho, but also representing Washington); West Virginia - C. E. Stockdale, W. W. Armentrout, College of Agriculture, West Virginia University; Wisconsin - Professor P. E. McNall, College of Agriculture, University of Wisconsin; Wyoming - Andrew J. Willis, College of Agriculture, University of Wyoming.

#### BUREAU CONTRIBUTES TO COLOR EXHIBITION.

The Bureau has two exhibits at the Museum of Science and Industry which last week opened a display of nearly all essential knowledge regarding color. The exhibit will continue through February. It reveals the nature of color and its production, color as the eye sees and does not see it, color measurement, materials, and applications.

One of the Bureau's exhibits displays instruments and the method which have been devised by Miss Dorothy Nickerson, of the Bureau, for measuring the color of cotton, hay, and other agricultural products. The second exhibit gives examples of importance of color in agriculture. There are illustrations of the color variations in grade for cotton, hay, for linters, tomato pulp, and even for sauerkraut. In addition, the effect that color has on selection of containers for agricultural produce is illustrated by showing oranges in red bags, in orange bags, in blue bags, and in green bags. Each color has a completely different effect upon the color of the oranges, an effect which the most untrained eye grasps immediately.

#### CALIFORNIA RADIO PROGRAM MAKES SATISFACTORY START.

The Pacific Coast and Intermountain noon radio broadcast, which was inaugurated January 1 from San Francisco, has made a good beginning. R. H. Lamb has the matter well in hand, according to the report of Morse Salisbury, Chief of the Department Radio Service, who returned from California recently.

This program now covers a period daily, Monday to Friday inclusive, from 12:15 to 1:00 p.m., Pacific Coast time, as follows:

12:15 - 12:20 p.m., Music.

12:20 - 12:24 p.m., Agricultural news furnished by press associations.

12:24 - 12:25 p.m., Daily weather summary.

12:25 - 12:30 p.m., Market reviews by B.A.E. representatives - Tuesday, Grain, Dairy and Poultry; Wednesday, Livestock, Meats and Wool; Friday, Fruits and Vegetables.

12:30 - 12:45 p.m., Music or special features, such as Crop Reports.

12:45 - 12:50 p.m., Other Bureaus of U. S. D. A.

12:50 - 1:00 p.m., Extension Service news.

The Bureau's part in this program is being prepared largely by Bureau representatives, and is based on material which they have received by leased wire, supplemented by special messages sent by Army radio net from Washington, D. C. The broadcast is now sent by 8 western stations, extending as far east as Salt Lake City, but does not include Denver, which is still on the eastern circuit.

RED CROSS - COMMUNITY CHEST CAMPAIGN.

The following memorandum by the Secretary to Department employees is being distributed in Washington and the field:

"No group of people can appreciate more than you what hardships hundreds of thousands of our farmers in the drought-stricken States face this winter. The situation is so acute that the American Red Cross is supplementing the work of local agencies by providing a total of more than \$15,000,000 to buy food and clothing. Ten million dollars of this amount must be raised within the next few days.

You have in the past contributed generously to local charity organizations, to the Department's own welfare fund, and to the Red Cross to aid sufferers in disasters at home and abroad. You have never previously had the opportunity to contribute to a cause so near to your own work as you have today. I have supreme faith in your generosity and in your desire to help. I urge all of you to contribute to the Red Cross call to the full extent of your ability."

(Signed) Arthur M. Hyde  
Secretary.

In Washington the campaign has been merged with the Community Chest drive. Mr. Olsen has appointed Miss Emily Clark to take charge of the contributions of the Bureau. The following Bureau members have been designated by the division leaders and section heads to receive contributions in the various divisions and sections:

Agricultural Finance.....	Miss Leota Laughlin
Audits and Accounts.....	Miss Annie H. Alves
Cold Storage.....	Mrs. Torey L. Wright
Cotton Division.....	Mrs. Cora L. Carson
Crop and Livestock Estimates.....	Miss Anna M. Kirby
Dairy and Poultry Products.....	Miss Elsie Lang
Farm Management.....	Miss Anna M. Elder
Farm Population and Rural Life.....	Miss Mildred Niles
Foreign Agricultural Service.....	William H. Rohrman
Fruits and Vegetables.....	Mrs. Ethel Mills, Miss Lucy Watt and Mrs. M. M. Aylor
Graphics Section.....	Miss Edith Peterson
Information.....	Miss Catherine M. Viehmann
Grain Division.....	Miss Margaret W. Daniel
Hay, Feed and Seed.....	Miss Virginia Bell
Land Economics.....	Miss Nettie P. Bradshaw
Library.....	Miss Margaret T. Olcott
Livestock, Meats and Wool.....	Miss Edna M. Jordan
Machine Tabulating and Computing Section.....	Mrs. Pauline McLeod
Mails and Files.....	Mrs. Yuba Allnutt
Office of Chief.....	Miss Katherine C. Joyce
Personnel.....	Mrs. Betty P. Ashton
Property and Supplies.....	Mrs. Alice B. McQuinn
Stenographic Section.....	Julian Gernova
Statistical and Historical Research.....	Miss Olive Ford
Telegraphic Section.....	Mrs. Edith B. Cochran
Tobacco Section.....	Edward J. Gouipee
Warehouse Division.....	Miss Harriet E. Smith



P. A. C. ACT CREATES  
MUCH ADDITIONAL WORK.

The Regulatory Branch of the Fruit and Vegetable Division reports that up to January 21, 11,820 licenses had been issued to commission merchants, brokers, and dealers in different parts of the country, who handle fresh fruits or fresh vegetables in interstate commerce. There are on hand 1594 applications with checks to cover the \$10.00 fee. These are awaiting a decision as to whether the business in each case requires that the applicant be licensed. Many applications have been received from growers, who are not required to be licensed if they sell only the produce of their own raising.

The Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act as interpreted in the regulations required all commission merchants, brokers, and dealers who handle fresh fruits or vegetables in interstate or foreign commerce in carload lots, or in equivalent volume in lots of one-quarter carload or more, to be licensed by December 10, 1930. The definition of dealers includes shippers who ship other than their own products; canning factories which buy fresh fruits or vegetables for processing and shipment of the processed goods out of the State; cooperative associations which ship for their members or others; jobbers who buy such fresh fruits or vegetables in lots of not less than one-quarter carload; as well as retailers when their purchases of fresh fruits and vegetables in interstate commerce in any calendar year exceed the equivalent of 20 carloads in not less than quarter carload lots.

Steps are being taken to locate those persons who may be doing business without a license in violation of the Act. It is recognized that many shippers and canners may be delaying the filing of their applications for licenses until spring, when they may resume their operations.

Although Congress provided funds only sufficient to handle the licensing work, the Regulatory Branch has already received 610 complaints of apparent violations. Of this number 100 were received during December and 96 have been received since January 1. Nearly 300 of these cases have been closed. This has been accomplished with no increase in the Produce Agency Act force, although it has been necessary to put aside much of the work connected with the complaints filed under the Produce Agency Act. Of the 300 closed cases, amicable settlements were effected in 102 cases. Of those remaining, formal complaints have been served on 155 alleged offenders and approximately 60 cases are awaiting formal hearing.

THREE MORE COMPLAINTS SETTLED  
UNDER PRODUCE AGENCY ACT.

A defendant under the Produce Agency Act recently pled guilty in three cases filed against him in the Federal District Court, alleging violation of the Act. Advice to this effect has just been received from the U. S. Attorney in Chicago.

Two cases, one relating to shipments from Nebraska and the other to shipments from Idaho, were consolidated. One of these involved consignments of 10 cars of potatoes shipped in September and October, 1923. Account sales were rendered by the defendant showing total net receipts amounting to



\$1,266.77. No payment was made on this until after prosecution had started. The second of these cases covered two cars of potatoes received on consignment in November, 1927. The sale prices were falsely reported to the consignor and no remittance was made of the net proceeds, amounting to \$702.40, except a belated payment of \$50 on account. The defendant was fined \$100 and costs.

The third case was based on a complaint filed by a St. Louis firm. The defendant handled 5 carloads of cabbage on consignment and 3 carloads of spinach on joint account in March, 1929. Although a check in the amount of \$1,065.75 was forwarded to cover the reported net proceeds, payment was refused on account of insufficient funds. No subsequent payment was made. The fine in this case was \$100. The defendant was placed on probation for one year, the terms of the probation being that he shall reimburse the shipper for the money withheld, and be confined for a period of one year should he not comply.

(This soliloquy found its way into the editor's basket during the first week of the Agricultural Outlook conference. No wonder the "report" got delirious.)

#### WHAT A COMMODITY OUTLOOK REPORT THINKS ABOUT.

"Gee, I'm next! I hope that crowd doesn't tear me to pieces the way they're doing to this report. I heard one fellow say he thought it was a pretty good one until the Outlook Committee got to work on it. There it goes now; they're carrying it out on a stretcher, poor thing! It's muttering to itself.....

"Well, my Chairman's reading me now. I can't help shaking a little. Suspense is awful. I s'pose a dozen men will jump on me as soon as my last word is pronounced. Whew, here they come!

"OUCH, WAIT A MINUTE!! Ocf! Three men gcuged me in the first paragraph at one time. Help! Stop jabbing me with those pencils! Get your hooks out of me! Turn loose of my appendix; what do you think I am, a grab bag? STOP! You're scratching me to pieces!

"Oy - oy - oy - oy! Oh what a scrimmage that was! I feel as if I'd been through a sausage grinder. Gosh, I'm no hog report! I never felt so cut up over anything in my life. You'd think this was a butcher's contest. And just to think - I got to go through the whole thing again next week!

"Well, they're carrying me cut now. How cool the outside air is. How sweetly the birds are singing. Yes mother, I hear you calling me. I'm to be the Queen of May, mother dear!"

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A shipment of short loins and ribs of beef, graded and stamped according to the Bureau's standards, recently went to Cuba. A firm of meat dealers in New York City had B. F. McCarthy, local representative of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, take care of the order that was received from the purchasing agent of The Morro Castle Hotel, Havana, Cuba, for graded and stamped beef.

IN CCNGRESS:

The Agricultural Appropriation bill passed the Senate on January 23. It will now go to the Conference Committee of the two Houses. The only change made on the floor of the Senate to the items for this Bureau was the addition of \$20,000 for extending the livestock news service to Casper, Wyoming.

The Deficiency bill has also passed both Houses and will be sent to Conference.

Hearings will be held by the House Agricultural Committee on Agricultural Bills on Monday, January 26. The Fulmer resolution providing for classification of cotton will be considered.

S. Res. 374 - by Senator McNary providing for the investigation of food prices has been agreed to.

S. 5440 to authorize an emergency appropriation for special study of and demonstration work on rural sanitation has been reported out of committee.

Bills Introduced

H.R.16470 - by Mr. Christopherson, to prohibit the use of public funds for the purchase of oleomargarine. A similar bill H.R. 16338 was introduced by Mr. Reilly.

H.R.16468 - by Mr. Burtness to place an embargo on certain agricultural products.

RESOLUTION COMMENDS BUREAU'S  
TOBACCO GRADING SERVICE.

A resolution recently adopted by the warehousemen of North Carolina is giving the staff of the Tobacco Section much satisfaction as a proof that their faith in the principles involved in the tobacco grading service and in its success, is justified. The resolution reads:

RESOLVED: That we desire to thank the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C., also of Raleigh, N. C. for the efficient tobacco grading service given us during the past season.

The graders sent us were high class gentlemen and good judges of tobacco. The circuit riders (trade term for supervisors) who looked after the grades were extremely nice and pleasant. They also knew their business. We highly recommend the services to those who have never tried it and we will want it again next season.

At the beginning of the season our farmers and buyers were a little skeptical, but we honestly believe that after they learned more about the value of the service if we could have stayed open six'y days longer that nine'y per cent of our customers would have used the service. Towards the close of the season our buyers watched for it very carefully often bidding on government graded piles without looking at them.

Thanking you for the cooperation given us, we are

Very truly yours,

Signed: PLANTERS WAREHOUSE - By: Meador Bros., and Taylor.

ROANOKE-DIXIE WAREHOUSE - By: Meadows, Griffin and Griffin.

FARMERS WAREHOUSE - By: Barnhill and Ingram.



IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending January 23 are:

Gee, Wilson. The place of agriculture in American life... New York, Macmillian company, 1930. 217 p. (The world today bookshelf). 281 G27

Matsui, S. The history of the silk industry in the United States..... New York, Howes publishing company, 1930. 267 p. 425 M41

Pan American union. Final act of the Inter-American conference on agriculture, Washington, September 8-20, 1930... Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1930. 209 p. 150.91 D65P.

Pennsylvania. Dept. of agriculture. Commercial orchards in Pennsylvania... Harrisburg, Pa., 1929. 33 p. 225 P332.

Richardson, R. P. and Turner, A. J. Preliminary spinning tests on mixings of Indian and American cottons, using ordinary and high drafts. Bombay, The Times of India press, 1930. 21 p. (Indian central cotton committee Technological laboratory. Technological bulletin, Series A, no.15). 72.9 In23332A no. 15.

U. S. Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Cotton fabrics and their uses (Rev. ed.)... Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1930. 45 p. 157.55 C82.

U. S. Congress. House. Committee on agriculture. Drought and storm relief-Agricultural experiment station work in Porto Rico. Hearing ... 71st Congress, 3d sess. December 4 and 5, 1930. Serial R. Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1930. 2 pts. 284.2 Un324D.

U. S. Congress. House. Committee on appropriations. Department of Commerce appropriation bill, 1932. Hearing... 71st Cong., 3d. sess. Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1930. 355 p. 157.1 Ap6.

U. S. Congress. Senate. Committee on agriculture and forestry. Loans for relief of drainage districts. Hearings... 71st Congress. 2d sess. on S. 4123 ... April 25 and 26, 1930... Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1930. 105 p. 284.2 Un37L.

U. S. Dept. of interior. Office of education. Bulletin (1930) no. 9. Survey of land-grant colleges and universities, directed by Arthur J. Klein... Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1930. 2 v. 156.3 B37.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

THE EFFECT OF THE BUSINESS DEPRESSION ON AGRICULTURE, the address made by Dr. O. C. Stine before the twenty-second semi-annual meeting of the American Railway Development Association, Chicago, December 5, 1930, is now in mimeographed form and may be obtained from the Division of Economic Information.

RELATION BETWEEN PRODUCTION, PRICES, AND ACREAGE of Potatoes in North Carolina, abstracts of addresses given at meetings called by the Interstate Early Potato Committee, at Mt. Olivet, Beaufort, Alliance, Aurora, Bethel, Columbia, and Elizabeth City, North Carolina, November 3-8, 1930, have been mimeographed for distribution.

PERQUISITES AND WAGES OF HIRED FARM LABORERS, both casual and non-casual, are analyzed and discussed by J. C. Folsom in Tech. Bull. 213. For noncasual laborers they are discussed in relation to laborers' marital status, dependents, length of employment, nonagricultural wages, city family usages and expenses, and other factors. For casual laborers such phases are considered as daily wage earnings, values of perquisites, methods and rates of paying, frequencies and values of perquisites, their relation to source. The gist of this material was issued in a preliminary report some time ago.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF THE PRESENT SITUATION in Southern Agriculture, the address of Everett E. Edwards at the third annual meeting of the Southeastern Economics Association, Atlanta, Ga., November 14 and 15, may now be obtained in mimeographed form.

NUMBERS OF APPLE TREES BY VARIETIES AND AGES in Commercial and Farm Orchards are being estimated as a part of an economic study of the apple industry of the United States. The part for Illinois was compiled in cooperation with Illinois State Department of Agriculture. The part for Tennessee was compiled in cooperation with Tennessee State Department of Agriculture. Each may be obtained in mimeographed form from the Division of Economic Information.

FACTORS AFFECTING THE ACREAGE OF FLUE-CURED TOBACCO are discussed by J. B. Huston, Commodity Specialist for Tobacco, covering Europe, in a 16-page mimeographed statement with charts. Copies are available for distribution.

RECENT MARKETING SUMMARIES released by the Division of Fruits and Vegetables are: Marketing West Florida Vegetables, Manatee, Sarasota, and Wauchula Sections, 1929-30 Season, by R. Maynard Peterson; Marketing Florida Potatoes, 1930 Season, by R. L. Sutton; and Marketing Florida Strawberries in 1930, the three summaries prepared under a cooperative agreement between this Bureau and the Florida State Marketing Bureau. Marketing Southern Alabama Potatoes, 1930 Season, by H. F. Willson, prepared under a cooperative agreement between this Bureau and the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries.



HERE AND THERE

Mr. Olsen is in Trenton, N. J., today (Tuesday), where he will address the New Jersey State Agricultural Convention on "The Outlook for Prices for Farm Products."

We were glad to see Mr. Tenny when he stopped in for a brief visit last Thursday. He was looking well, and as usual, was most cordial in his greeting to all of us.

At the request of Dr. A. F. Woods, Director of Scientific Work, and Dr. C. W. Warburton, Director of Extension Work, E. G. Boerner, In Charge of Grain Investigations, this Bureau, has been designated by Mr. Olsen to serve as a member of an Inter-Bureau Committee set up to correlate the research and extension activities of the Department relating to wheat smut control work. In addition to this Bureau, the Bureau of Plant Industry, the Division of Agricultural Engineering of the Bureau of Public Roads, and the Extension Service will be represented on this committee.

Dr. C. J. Galpin will give two talks, one on "Rural Culture at Home and Abroad" and another on "Long-time Community Planning", at the Home-makers' Section of the Iowa Farm and Home Week Program, February 4 and 5.

Dr. Galpin will also attend Farmers' Week at the New York State College of Agriculture and the Grange Conference at Ithaca, N. Y., February 11 and 12. At noon on February 11, he will speak on "Rural Local Government" and this address will be broadcast over a State-wide radio hook-up. His topic for February 12 is "The Farm Family and a Sound Rural Culture."

V. N. Valgren, Division of Agricultural Finance, will address the annual meeting of the Weld County Farmers Protective Association at Greeley, Colorado, January 31, on the subject, "What Insurance Protection Can the Farmer Wisely Buy?" The Weld Country Farmers Protective Association operates in practically all farming areas of the State and has over \$11,000,000 of farm fire insurance on its books. Regularly for about 12 years, D. C. Royer Secretary of the Association, has endeavored to have Mr. Valgren address the annual meeting, but until this year, when he has other business in the field, he has declined on account of the distance and expense involved. In connection with this trip Mr. Valgren will interview officials in charge of the Colorado State Hail Insurance Fund at Denver. This fund was set up two years ago. Colorado is the fifth State to provide for State hail insurance, the other States being the two Dakotas, Nebraska, and Montana. Returning from Denver Mr. Valgren will stop off at Chicago and Springfield, Ill., and Indianapolis, Ind., for the purpose of interviewing representatives of insurance companies engaged in agricultural insurance, more particularly hail, employers' liability, and automobile insurance for farmers.

Mrs. Grace Leonard Smith, Secretary to Mr. Olsen, has been out of the office since last week because of sickness. We understand she is suffering from bronchitis.

We regret to report R.W. Webb's absence on account of influenza. Dr. Webb is a member of the Division of Cotton Marketing.

F. J. Hughes, Business Manager, is just back from a trip to Savannah and Atlanta. In Atlanta he made arrangements for the occupancy for another year of the Bureau's joint office space. In both cities he went over the architects' building plans for the proposed Federal office buildings, in order to arrange for space for this Bureau. Mr. Hughes comments particularly on the excellent spirit of cooperation in working out joint operating problems, exhibited by the Bureau's representatives in Atlanta.

Mr. Estabrook, former Associate Chief of this Bureau, is on leave from the Department. Recently, upon completion of the work incident to the First Inter-American Conference on Agriculture, Forestry, and Animal Industry, held in Washington last fall, Mr. Estabrook, at his own request, was placed in an indefinite leave-without-pay status. For a number of years he has been engaged in highly responsible and exacting work. Before his last assignment in the Department, he had spent 5 years organizing the World Census of Agriculture. This necessitated traveling over practically the entire world. Prior to undertaking the census work, he was employed for several years by the Argentine Government to reorganize the statistical work of that government's department of agriculture. In this position also he was required to do much traveling. Mr. Estabrook now plans to spend some time resting at his farm at Frederick, Maryland.

David L. Wickens, Agricultural Economist, of the Division of Agricultural Finance, will attend the annual meeting of the Association of Southern Agricultural Workers, at Atlanta, Ga., February 4, 5, 6, where he will present a paper on "Farm Credit in the South."

Friends of Miss Laeta E. Rixey, of the Reviewing Section, were sorry to learn of the death on Sunday of her sister, Mrs. Charles H. Keyser. Miss Rixey herself has been ill with grippe for the last two weeks, and is now slowly recuperating.

Frederick C. Waugh, Statistician for New England, is in Washington attending the outlook meetings.

Earl R. French, Secretary of the New York Food Marketing Research Council, visited the Bureau Saturday on official business.

Walter J. Roth, Division of Farm Management and Costs, will return to Sterling, Va. on Wednesday to visit farms in connection with farm organization studies conducted through the medium of farm records and accounts.

A. M. Agelasto, Division of Cotton Marketing, recently interviewed correspondents at New Bedford and Boston, Massachusetts, regarding the weekly cotton market reviews furnished this Bureau in connection with its market news service on cotton.

W. B. Lanham left Washington last Saturday for Dallas, Memphis, Atlanta, Florence and Raleigh, to confer with the representatives of the Division of Cotton Marketing at those points in connection with reports and estimates of the grade, staple length and character of the cotton crop as ginned.

Lewis Myers has been transferred from Washington to Charleston, S. C., where he will be Supervisor of Inspection of the Board of Cotton Examiners. Mr. Myers left Washington on Saturday.

We are sorry to report that Miss Elizabeth Cox and Mrs. Rebecca Quigley, Hay, Feed and Seed Division, have been absent from the office for more than a week because of illness.

Russell S. Smith is being transferred from Chicago to Portland, Oreg., to assist in the market news and grading service work of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products.



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## ANNUAL OUTLOOK REPORT

COMPLETED ON SCHEDULE TIME.

The Annual Outlook Conference during the last week was pronounced quite successful by several State delegates. The report was completed on Thursday as scheduled and distribution of advance copies made on Saturday. Following the conference on the report, Friday was spent in discussions of extension methods and one session was devoted to a discussion of research that is needed to strengthen outlook work. This latter program was a new feature and it was generally regarded as being important and that it should be repeated in greater detail at other outlook conferences.

A special broadcast of the outlook was made Monday at noon with one change from the original program. The program was rearranged because of the fact that the Secretary did not participate. Mr. Legge outlined the Farm Board's endorsement of outlook work. Mr. Englund presented the summary, Dr. Warburton described how the report would be carried home to farmers, and Mr. Olsen presented the outstanding needs of agriculture in the way of adjustments in the adoption of low cost practices.

Dr O C Stine  
Bureau of Agr'l Economics  
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## BUREAU'S UNITS STRAIN RESOURCES TO COMPLETE OUTLOOK WORK.

The outlook report was mimeographed both in its two preliminary forms and final form by the Bureau's duplicating unit under the direction of Harry Panzer. The total number of stencils handled was about 650. The two preliminary drafts made in the Bureau involved a run of 65,000 sheets. The final report, consisting of 164 pages, was run on 337,500 sheets, and about 1,000 copies were assembled and mailed on Saturday. Another thousand were assembled for distribution on Monday. This represents a total mimeographing job done in the last two weeks of 402,500 pages. The stencils were prepared in the various divisions, and representatives of several divisions assisted in the assembling work on Saturday. The mimeographing was all done by Mr. Panzer's regular force of 4 men.

The revision of the charts for use as wall charts in outlook meetings was completed by the Graphics Section on Thursday. One hundred and sixty-two charts were made this year, as compared with 115 issued last year. The Graphics Section did an immense amount of new work, as well as to revise and re-letter a majority of the old charts.

The Photographic Laboratory made new bromides and solar negatives for the entire series of charts, besides completing 310 charts for the Extension men to take back to the States with them. Orders in hand are yet to be filled for 405 charts for use in the States.

B.A.E. GOES OVER THE TOP IN  
RED-CROSS-COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE.

The Bureau has gone over the top in the Red Cross-Community Chest Drive. Incomplete returns on Monday showed a total of \$4,719 compared with \$4,711, the Bureau's quota.

The best showing on that date was from one small division which more than tripled its quota, with a contribution of \$251 from 19 people, or an average of \$13.21 per capita.

The Telegraph Section has exceeded its quota, with contributions from 100 per cent of its members.

Divisions which have exceeded their quota to date are:

Office of Chief	Farm Management and Costs
Agricultural Finance	Foreign Agricultural Service
Graphics Section	Fruits and Vegetables
Machine Tabulating and	Tobacco Section
Computing Section	Cold Storage Section
Property and Supplies	Economic Library
Crop and Livestock Estimates	Telegraph Section
Economic Information	Personnel

FEDERAL HAY CERTIFICATES  
ACCEPTED BY THE ARMY.

Complete Federal hay inspection certificates at shipping points will hereafter be accepted by the Army without question as evidence of the grade of the hay sold to the Army, unless there is evidence of a change in the condition of the hay since the original inspection was made. Orders to this effect were issued by the Quartermaster General of the Army last week as a result of conferences which have been held recently between W. A. Wheeler and K. B. Seeds, of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, and representatives of the Quartermaster Corps and Veterinary Corps of the Army. This, it is believed, will be of material benefit to shippers of hay who desire to bid on Army contracts, as they will now be able to have their hay inspected at shipping point before it moves and be assured that it will be accepted upon arrival at the Army post to which it is consigned.

MARYLAND STATISTICIAN'S OFFICE  
SOON TO MOVE TO THE FIELD.

A cooperative agreement between the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates and the Extension Service of Maryland University has just been made. Under the terms of this agreement the Maryland office will be transferred to College Park within the next few days and will occupy quarters in the old Experiment Station Building on the Baltimore pike. Richard Ross, Statistician for Maryland, will be in charge of the joint office. On account of the additional help which will be furnished by the College, it will be possible to materially expand the crop reporting work for the State.

Mr. Ross will continue to handle the crop reports for Delaware from the Maryland office.



INTEREST IN MARKET NEWS  
PICKS UP IN MINNESOTA.

A marked increase for the last six or eight months in the demand for market information from the South St. Paul office of the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, is commented upon by A. B. Smeby, local representative, in a recent letter to C. V. Whalin, In Charge of the Division. The evidence before Mr. Smeby that his office is rendering a valuable service in a time of need is undoubtedly rich compensation for the added work, as evidenced by his enthusiastic letter, an extract from which is quoted below:

"We can see it in several ways here. Take for instance our daily mail report. Practically every mail brings requests for this report and some seven hundred names have been added in the past four months, bringing the number on our list for this report alone to about two thousand, or the biggest it has ever been.

"Then there is the radio report, and we can judge somewhat by the letters we get and the large number of callers we have, as to the interest in this phase of our service.

"There is something else that is taking place in connection with our markets, which has brought with it calls from hundreds of individuals for market news. I shall not take time to go into that in this letter except just to mention it. That is the big increase in truck marketing within seventy-five miles of the market. This has broken up a number of shipping societies and has brought hundreds, if not thousands of individuals into direct personal contact with the market, and a great many of these individuals now feel the need for market reports. The majority are being served by radio, but many also want mail reports.

"These are just a few things that occur to us, but they have served to emphasize the fact that, when prices are relatively low and farmers and stockmen are a little pinched, they will of necessity watch markets closely in order to take advantage of every little rise and get the very last dollar their stock will command. \* \* \*

"We like to have the industry use our service to the fullest extent. We like to have them keep coming. Not only does it encourage us to give our best, but it makes us feel that we are being of real practical value at a time when surely the farmer and livestock producer needs some real practical help."

BUREAU NOON HOUR RADIO  
BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The radio program of the Department is broadcast daily, except Sundays, from 12:55 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following members of this Bureau are on the program for the week beginning February 9:

February 9, 12:55 p.m., F. J. Hosking, The Feed Situation  
1:00 p.m., O. M. Johnson, Equitable Farm Leases  
February 12, 1:00 p.m., Everett E. Edwards, Lincoln' Attitude  
Toward Farm Problems.

MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU DURING JANUARY:

The following manuscripts were submitted to the Division of Publications during January:

Service and Regulatory announcement No. 93 (revised)  
Service and regulatory announcement No. 121. Amendment No. 1.

The following articles have been approved for publication in the periodicals named:

Park, J. W. : Pecan crop of increasing importance. For the Peanut Journal.  
Potts, R. C. : What benefits to poultry producers may result from poultry inspection and grading. For National Farm Poultry Journal.  
Sherman, C. B. : Consolidations for rural improvement. For American Bankers Association Journal.  
Valgren, V. N. : What's ahead in farm mutual insurance? For Journal of American Insurance.  
Wall, N. J. : Loans for drought areas. For American Bankers Association Journal.  
Waugh, F. V. : Market demand for potatoes. For Farm Economics.  
Wheeler, W. A. : Color is now important factor in farm products. Growers of small crops assisted. Information furnished on markets for grain and hay. Origin of seed now verified. For United States Daily.

CROP ESTIMATES BOWLERSCUT CAPERS AT COLISEUM.

Coliseum Alleys, where the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates staged a match last Tuesday (January 27), was the scene of some plain and fancy bowling. The 6 women more than held their own with the 24 men who took part. There were teams from the second, third, fourth and fifth floors of the division's building at 200-14th Street, S. W., a team from the division's dairy section, and one made up of field men. The third floor quint took the honors, with the field men as runners up. The biggest upset of the evening was that two women, Mae Perry and Bertha Greevy, turned in the highest sets - 303 and 300 respectively. Dick Ross rolled third highest set (279), beating Paul Koenig by one pin (273), and Jessie Wrigglesworth hung up 275 to step out in front with the best of 'em. Messrs. Christy, Hale, Malone Becker and Burmeister all pegged more than 270 pins in their respective sets. C. M. Purves scored high game of 111, Mae Perry second high of 108, and Bertha Greevy, C. C. Malone and Jessie Wrigglesworth each topped the maples for a game of 106. Among those whose average is below 90, C. M. Purves, Reginald Royston, C. O. Parker and R. O. Been turned in the best sets. Mrs. Mabel Peirce did her bit as an enthusiastic rooter at the match.



IN CONGRESS:

- H.J.Res.329 - by Mr. Fulmer, to authorize and direct the Secretary of Agriculture to provide additional facilities for the classification of cotton under the United States cotton standards act, and for the dissemination of market news information has been reported out of the House Committee with amendment.
- H.R.10345 - by Mr. Lankford, to provide for the collection and publication of statistics of peanuts has been reported out of the House Committee with amendment.
- S. J.Res.195 - by Senator Sheppard, authorizing investigation of certain operations on cotton exchanges has been reported out of the House Committee without amendments.
- S. 5441 - by Senator Robinson, to assist in the organization of agricultural credit corporations, has been reported out of the Senate Committee with amendment.
- S. J.Res.210 - by Senator Capper, authorizing the distribution of 20,000,000 bushels of surplus wheat for relief purposes has been passed by the Senate.  
An amendment to the Appropriation Act for the Department of the Interior providing \$25,000,000 for food loans, has passed the Senate but has failed to pass the House. The matter is now in conference.

Bills Introduced.

- H. R.16745 - by Mr. Goldsborough, to amend the perishable agricultural commodities act, 1930, so as to suppress unfair and fraudulent practices in the marketing of floricultural products in interstate and foreign commerce.
- H.R.16743 - by Mr. Cross, for the prevention and removal of obstructions and burdens upon interstate commerce in agricultural commodities by regulating transactions on commodity exchanges, putting a stop to short selling thereon and for other purposes.
- H.R.16708 - by Mr. Whittington, to assist in the organization of Agricultural Credit Corporations.

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The following statement by Miss Mary G. Lacy, Bureau Librarian, as to what constitutes the successful functioning of a library, may be quoted as a particularly apt summary of what the B. A. E. Library is actually accomplishing :

"The specialized knowledge of books that enables the library worker to supply exactly the information that is wanted, to the person who wants it, when it is wanted, is the very heart of the whole matter."

BUREAU BREVITIES.

MARKETING THE COMMERCIAL CROP OF EARLY POTATOES is the theme of a comprehensive publication, Circular 149, by J. W. Park. The analysis and descriptions contained in this circular are similar to those previously issued in Department Bulletins. Footnote credit mentions George B. Fiske and Paul Froehlich. This circular will supersede previous publications on the subject.

THE POPULATION OF IOWA, Its Composition and Changes, is a brief sociological study of Iowa's human assets, by Wm. L. Hartner and R. E. Stewart, of the Economics staff of the Agricultural Experiment Station, Iowa State College, issued by the College as Bulletin No. 275. The Division of Farm Population and Rural Life of this Bureau cooperated in the study and has copies of the bulletin for distribution.

DIRECT MARKET NEWS ON HOGS, in Iowa, receives favorable publicity in the December 28 edition of the Des Moines Register. Nearly a half page is devoted to a detailed description of this service and its accomplishments and to photographs of the local staff of the Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool, including W. O. Fraser, In Charge, G. B. Fundis, Assistant, and E. L. Heiman, Clerk. Among other things the article states: "The service has been accorded almost universal approval by all who have had an opportunity to make use of it. \*\*The market service here has obviously been inaugurated to meet a need that has arisen due to the fact that over half of the hogs raised in Iowa last year were sold direct to packers without being handled through any competitive stockyards."

OPERATIONS OF A COOPERATIVE LIVESTOCK CONCENTRATION POINT are analyzed by John B. Lister and C. G. Randell, now with the Federal Farm Board, in Circular 142 just off the press. The cooperative studied is The Washington Shipping Association of Washington, Indiana. The history, operating practices, management and membership problems and policies, cost of operation, and achievements are covered.

REGULATIONS FOR WAREHOUSEMEN STORING SEEDS under the U. S. warehouse Act have been issued as Service and Regulatory Announcements 122 of this Bureau. The text of the warehouse Act is carried under the same cover.

STUDY OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN IN NEVADA and Factors Affecting Its Use, made by E. O. Wooton, Associate Agricultural Economist, Division of Land Economics, receives very favorable comment by Cecil W. Creel, Director of Extension for the State of Nevada, in a recent letter to Mr. Wooton. Mr. Creel advises that members of the livestock committee of the State Farm Bureau feel that the study has much information of value to the State. He adds: "I cannot help but feel that your study is going to have a profound influence on the future land policies of Nevada."

A DESCRIPTION OF THE BUREAU, in a brief and general way that will not soon be out of date, is now available in printed form for use in correspondence, in connection with visitors, etc. Divisions can obtain a few copies at a time for these purposes by applying to the Division of Economic Information. The material is reprinted from Mis. Pub. 88 which describes the Department of Agriculture and which was made available some weeks ago.



IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending January 30 are:

Butterfield, Kenyon Leech. The Christian mission in rural India, report and recommendations. New York, International missionary council, 1930. 162p. 281.2 B98Ch.

Encyclopedia of the social sciences... New York, The Macmillan company, 1930. v. 3. Bright - Commentators.  
Editor in chief, Edwin R. A. Seligman; associate editor, editor, Alvin Johnson. 280 Enl.

Hantos, Elemér. Die rationalisierung der weltwirtschaft von Elemér Hantos... Tübingen, J. C. B. Mohr (Paul Siebeck) 1930. 47 p.  
(Recht und staat in geschichte und gegenwart... 71) 281 H192.

Mauldon, F. R. E. A study in social economics, the Hunter River valley, New South Wales. Melbourne, Workers' educational association of N.S.W. in conjunction with Robertson & Mullens ltd., 1927. 201 p. (W.E.A. series. no. 9) 280 M442.

Spahr, W. E. and Swenson, R. J. Methods and status of scientific research, with particular application to the social sciences... New York and London, Harper & brothers publishers, 1930. 533 p. 280 Spl2.

U. S. Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Commerce yearbook, 1930 (8th number) v. 2. Foreign countries. Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1930. 701 p. 157.54 Y3.

U. S. Congress. House. Committee on appropriations. First deficiency appropriation bill for 1931. Hearing... 71st Congress, 3d sess. Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1930. 11lp. 148.9 Ap6.

U. S. Congress. Senate. Committee on appropriations. Agricultural appropriations bill for 1932. Hearings... 71st Congress, 3d sess. on H. R. 15256... Washington, U. S. G vt. print. off., 1931. 305 p. 1 Ag81Ses.

U. S. Dept. of commerce. Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Trade information bulletin no. 732. Leather industry and trade of Czechoslovakia, by Julis Schnitzer. Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1930. 24p. 157.7 C76Dt no. 732.

U. S. Dept. of commerce. Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Trade information bulle in no. 737. Fresh fruit industry of Union of South Africa, by Edward B. Lawson. Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1930. 3lp. 157.7 C76Dt no. 737.

### HERE AND THERE.

Dr. L. C. Gray, In Charge of the Division of Land Economics, and C. F. Clayton of that division, attended a conference with State Agricultural Experiment Station officials and others at Knoxville, Tenn., January 31, and discussed plans for land utilization phases of a proposed social and economic study in the southern Appalachians.

W. A. Sherman, in Charge, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, attended the New Jersey Potato Growers Association in Newark, January 29, and read a paper on "The Place of Grades and Standards in Potato Marketing." He remained over until the 30th and attended a joint meeting of the State Horticultural Society and the Vegetable Growers Association, reading a paper prepared by Frederick A. Motz, Foreign Fruit Market Specialist of the Bureau, on the subject, "Present Status and Future Prospects of the Export Market for Apples." In the afternoon at this joint session he discussed the subject, "The Effect of Standard Grades on the Marketing and Distributing of Fruits and Vegetables." Mr. Sherman reports that the meetings were fairly well attended and that there was a remarkably fine display of New Jersey apples for this season of the year.

Arthur W. Palmer, In Charge, Division of Cotton Marketing, and Robert J. Cheatham of that division, are on the program of the meeting of the Association of Southern Agricultural Workers, which is being held at Atlanta, Ga., February 4, 5 and 6. Mr. Palmer will give an address on the subject, "Some Aspects of the Quality Problems in Cotton." Mr. Cheatham will discuss "Consumer Bags for Farm Products." The bags which will be the subject of Mr. Cheatham's talk are those which the division has developed as a part of the project, "New Uses for Cotton."

Lawrence Myers, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, will attend the sessions of the meeting of the Association of Southern Agricultural Workers in Atlanta, Ga., this week.

Paul Koenig, Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, and Emil Rauchenstein, Division of Farm Management and Costs, will assist State Extension Service representatives in the preparation of the annual outlook report for New Jersey at a conference in New Brunswick, N. J., February 4 and 5. Following that meeting Mr. Rauchenstein will proceed to Boston and assist the New England Research Council in getting out the New England State outlook report there. Later he will go to Connecticut to work with officials of the Agricultural College in inaugurating a study of types of farming which will be conducted cooperatively between the College and this Bureau, and to New Hampshire to help officials of the State Agricultural College in inaugurating a cooperative study of efficiency in dairy farming.

News of the death last week of John W. Smith, Commissioner of Agriculture for West Virginia, was received in the Bureau with deep regret. Mr. Smith was always friendly toward the work of the Bureau and did everything in his power to improve and develop the crop reporting service. He was instrumental in bringing about cooperation in West Virginia between this Bureau and the State Department of Agriculture in the conduct of the crop reporting work.

K. P. Pickrell, until recently a joint employee of this Bureau and the Bureau of Animal Industry, now employed by the latter Bureau alone, is spending some time in Washington conferring with officials of the two Bureaus in reference to the completion of the joint study between this Department and the Experiment Stations of New Mexico and Arizona which he has been making in New Mexico and Arizona of the range sheep and goat industry in the southwestern range region. The Division of Farm Management and Costs is the branch of this Bureau interested in the project.



E. L. Langsford joined the staff of the Division of Farm Management and Costs on January 26 as Associate Agricultural Economist. He had been previously connected with that division, first as agent and later associated with J. B. Hutson in cost route work in several States. He is joint author with Mr. Hutson of a Virginia Experiment Station Bulletin, entitled, "Systems of Beef Cattle Farming for Southwestern Virginia." Since severing his previous connection with the division he has taken a year of graduate work at Iowa State College, where he received his master's degree in 1928, and since that time has been connected with the Doane Agricultural Service of St. Louis, assigned to the managing of properties in Mississippi. Mr. Langsford will work on farm management projects in the Southern States east of the Mississippi.

A number of the official staff are assisting or are scheduled to assist in the new program of graduate education in Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, launched at the opening of the new semester, January 28, at the graduate school of American University. The work is under the direction of a subcommittee of the Social Science Research Council. This committee is composed of the following members: John D. Black, Harvard University; Mr. Olsen, Chief, and L. C. Gray, In Charge of Land Economics, of this Bureau; H. C. M. Case, University of Illinois, and E. G. Nourse, Chairman, Director of the Institute of Economics of the Brookings Institution. The courses conducted by Bureau representatives in the present semester are: Agricultural prices and price analysis, Dr. O. C. Stine; Principles, problems and research methods in farm organization and management, Dr. C. L. Holmes; Farm mortgage finance, Norman Wall and D. L. Wickens. A seminar in agricultural economics will be conducted by Dr. E. G. Nourse, Dr. L. C. Gray, Dr. C. L. Holmes and Dr. O. C. Stine. Courses probably available in 1931-32 in which Bureau men will take part are: Short term agricultural credit, Mr. Wall and Dr. R. C. Engberg (the latter is with the Federal Farm Loan Bureau); agricultural land problems and policies, Dr. Gray; geographic aspects of land utilization, Dr. O. E. Baker; economic history, Everett E. Edwards; rural social problems, Dr. C. J. Galpin; interrelation of agriculture and business, L. H. Bean and Dr. Engberg.

A. E. Prugh, who resigned from the Division of Fruits and Vegetables about two years ago to accept a position with a commercial firm, has returned to work for the division. He is expected to take over the lettuce market reporting service at Brawley, Calif., the latter part of this week, filling the position recently vacated by R. H. Lamb. Mr. Lamb is now Western Program Manager of the Radio Service of the Department, with headquarters in the Appraiser's Building, San Francisco.

T. W. Heitz, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, was in Chicago week before last attending The Fact Finding Conference held under the auspices of the U. S. Egg and Poultry Society, and gave a discussion of U. S. standards and grades for dressed poultry. He was in Kansas last week visiting the various plants of the Sunflower Poultry Packers Association at which Government grading of dressed poultry is conducted. This week he will demonstrate U. S. standards and grades for poultry at a meeting of poultry packers and shippers in Ames, Ia.

The Library would appreciate it very much if the divisions of the Bureau would return to the Library any Agricultural Economics Bibliographies which are no longer needed. The supply of some of these bibliographies is very low, and it will be necessary to ask for reprints, involving both time and labor in the mimeograph section unless some copies are returned from the divisions.

The retirement for disability of Miss Annie M. Houser, Clerk, Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, has just been approved, effective as of August 1, 1930. Miss Houser has a highly creditable record of long and efficient service in the Government. She was employed in the Interior Department from December, 1896, to September, 1902. She entered the Department of Agriculture in the old Bureau of Statistics (later the Bureau of Crop Estimates and now the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates of this Bureau) in October, 1902. She was continuously employed in stenographic work until several months ago, when ill health forced her to leave. For a number of years Miss Houser was Secretary to Nat C. Murray, former Statistician in the Bureau of Crop Estimates.

J. W. Park, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, has been detailed to assist with the seed loan work of the Department and will probably be so engaged for the next six weeks. He is working in the offices of the seed loan unit in the Administrative Building.

Francis L. McKittrick, Junior Marketing Specialist, has just been appointed in the Chicago office of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products. Mr. McKittrick is a graduate of Georgetown University and has been employed for 3½ years in the produce department of Armour & Co.

Martin Reinhold, who is employed jointly by this Bureau and the Bureau of Animal Industry, with headquarters at Ft. Collins, Colo., is in Washington for a week in reference to the cooperative study in which he is engaged for the two Bureaus of the range livestock industry in the North Park and Saratoga Valley districts of Colorado and Wyoming. This study has been going on for about 2 years, and Mr. Reinhold is here to discuss the progress of the work and to make plans for carrying it forward for another year.

Dr. O. E. Baker, Land Economics, has extended his already rather heavy program of speaking engagements for the month of February. In addition to the three meetings mentioned in the B. A. E. News of January 20, he will deliver an address entitled, "The Long-Time Outlook for Land Utilization" before the annual meeting of the Illinois Farmers' Institute to be held at Decatur on February 20, and also give a talk on "The Food Supply of the Future" at a dinner to be given by the American Statistical Association in New York City on February 24.

L. H. Bean, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, will assist with three outlook meetings in the States the early part of this month and will probably assist with other meetings later in the month at points yet to be decided. On February 4 and 5 he will take part in the county agents conference to be held by the Extension Service at Orono, Maine. On February 9 and 10 he will assist with the New England outlook meeting to be conducted by the New England Research Council in Boston. On February 11 he will assist with the State outlook conference to be conducted by the Extension Service at Storrs, Conn.

L. A. Reynoldson, Division of Farm Management and Costs, left Washington January 30 for Mississippi where he is assisting State agricultural workers in the preparation of a bulletin showing the results of a cooperative study of the utilization and costs of farm power. On his return trip he will stop off in South Carolina and Georgia and confer with State agricultural workers regarding the preparation of material for similar bulletins.

Of the 70 initiated at the Harrington Hotel last Thursday night into The Order of the Yellow Dogs, Lookout Kennel .001, more than 50 were bureau men. The initiation followed a banquet and program.

The associates of Mrs. Mary L. Blake, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, were distressed to hear that after office last Saturday she was struck by an automobile and received painful injuries.



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## GROWING NUMBER OF CANNING COMPANIES USING BUREAU'S POULTRY INSPECTION SERVICE.

On Monday of this week the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products inaugurated inspection service on poultry for condition and wholesomeness at Milani's Tamale Factory, Seattle, Wash., under an agreement between this Bureau and the National Poultry, Butter and Egg Association. Dr. Irwin Erickson, who has recently been engaged in inspection and grading work in San Francisco, was transferred to Seattle and will have charge of this work. Dr. R. B. Mericle, who formerly inspected poultry for the Bureau at canning plants in the Middle West, will now conduct that part of the inspection work in San Francisco previously covered by Dr. Erickson.

The division also is starting inspection service on poultry at the Marshall Canning Company, Marshalltown, Iowa, under an agreement with the National Poultry, Butter and Egg Association. The poultry inspected at this plant will be purchased from another plant, the Polo Produce Company of Chicago, operating under the supervision of this Bureau. M. W. Willie will be temporarily assigned to the Marshall Canning Company to supervise the canning and labelling of their products.

Recently the division inaugurated inspection service at the plant of Stowe-Mahrle Company at Three Rivers, Mich. The work there will be carried on by Dr. J. T. Wright, who will divide his time between the Stowe-Mahrle Company and the La Choy Food Products Company at Detroit, Michigan, where he has been previously stationed.

At the present time 25 poultry canning companies have the inspection service of this Bureau, in addition to two plants where inspected, drawn poultry is being prepared for sale to canning or other outlets, and one plant where domestic rabbits are being inspected. During the last calendar year approximately 22 million pounds of poultry were inspected by the Bureau.

## STATE EXTENSION MEN ADOPT RESOLUTIONS REGARDING OUTLOOK WORK.

A committee, composed of H. R. Wellman, California, Chairman, T. M. Patterson, Mississippi, D. C. Wood, Missouri, M. C. Bond, New York, P. L. Putnam, Connecticut, and C. R. Arnold, Ohio, representing their respective States at the recent Outlook Conference in the Bureau, adopted a number of resolutions, among which are the following of particular interest to the Bureau:

The committee feels that there is a need for a closer coordination of the research work of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics and the research and extension programs in the different States. It recommends therefore:

(a) That the collection of basic data and price analyses and other studies now being conducted by this Bureau and the research studies in the different States be expanded.

(b) That in addition to the usual National Outlook Conference held in

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Washington, D. C.

C. W. HITCHCOCK,  
Dir. of Agr'l Economics,  
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture,



Washington, regional outlook conferences be held during the coming year in the areas covered by similar conferences held during the past year.

With reference to these regional conferences, the committee suggests that the functions of the three major agencies concerned, viz., the Federal Extension Service, the Federal Bureau of Agricultural Economics, and State Extension Services and Experiment Stations, be as follows:

(a) The Federal Office of Cooperative Extension in cooperation with the States to have the responsibility for organizing and conducting these regional conferences.

(b) The function of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics: To supply information of a world, national, and regional nature which applies to the outlook for the general agricultural and economic situation and to the commodities of specific importance in the areas concerned. To supply adequate personnel to attend these regional conferences for the purpose of discussing information furnished by the Bureau. In this connection the committee feels that there is greater need for the time of Bureau workers for attendance at these regional conferences than there is for their services in presenting outlook information to farmers at meetings scheduled following these conferences. The committee recognizes and greatly appreciates the assistance that the Bureau of Agricultural Economics has given in the past by furnishing men for outlook meetings with farmers, but feels that the value of the time of these men would be greatly multiplied if spent in presenting outlook information to a group of extension workers at regional outlook conferences who would in turn present it to farmers.

(c) The function of the State extension workers: The committee recommends that, in so far as possible, the States endeavor to have a good attendance of commodity specialists, county agricultural agents, other extension workers, and State research men at these regional conferences.

With reference to the question as to whether State workers wish the Bureau of Agricultural Economics to prepare printed regional outlook reports, the committee feels that there should be no national policy concerning this but that this matter should be left to the State workers in the various regions to decide. However, the committee specifically requests that workers in the Bureau who shall be present at the regional conferences to discuss outlook information prepare written reports.

The committee recommends that there be a special committee of State and Federal workers on the adaptation of the outlook to individual farm problems through farm reorganization and readjustments.

The committee strongly feels that in the present progress of outlook work the National Outlook Conference should not be omitted or restricted, because it provides the only means by which State workers can contact with the many sources of information available in this Bureau, with the research men on the Bureau staff, as well as with other State workers; because the conference furnishes information on many commodities which are not and cannot well be considered at regional conferences, inasmuch as these commodities are not of importance to all the States in the region, although they are of great importance to one or two States; and because the National Conference is the only means by which State workers can follow inter-regional adjustments.

The committee expresses earnest appreciation for the efficient and untiring efforts of the staff of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in the preparation or revision of outlook reports to best meet the needs of the States. It also appreciates the excellent work of the staff in preparing reports and assisting in discussions at the regional conferences held during 1930.



MR. EDLER ASSISTS RED CROSS IN  
PURCHASING SEED FOR RELIEF WORK.

G. C. Edler, Hay, Feed and Seed Division, has been assisting the Red Cross for 10 days in the purchase of garden seeds for the drought-stricken States. An order for 18 carloads, placed last week, was probably the largest purchase of garden seeds for immediate delivery ever made by a governmental or semi-governmental agency. Already about 35 carloads of these seeds, to go to more than 200,000 families, have been purchased, and bids this week are being received for 10 or 15 carloads more. The seed is to be rushed by express to Red Cross Chapters, which will distribute the collections or assortments of seed to the needy families that have been receiving other aid from that organization. Each collection, consisting of 13 to 18 varieties of garden seeds, such as bean, beet, carrot, cabbage, squash, tomato, turnip, etc., is deemed sufficient by horticulturists and others in the Department to provide vegetables for a family of five during the spring and summer.

Mr. Edler has also aided in determining the requirements and prices and in suggesting sources of supply of field seeds in a few States where there are thousands of small farmers who do not regularly harvest a cash crop on which a lien could be placed. Thus the seed distribution of the Red Cross supplements that of the Department under the seed, feed and fertilizer loan, because the former reaches those who could not qualify for the Department seed loans.

B.A.E. LEADS DEPARTMENT IN  
RED CROSS-COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE.

The Bureau's contributions exceeded those of each of the other branches of the Department in the recent Red Cross-Community Chest drive. A total of \$6,082.01 was collected in the Bureau, as compared with \$4,421.40 in the Bureau of Plant Industry, second highest, and \$4,157.60 in the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils, third highest in the drive. Contributions in the Bureau exceeded our quota of \$4,708.52 by \$1,373.49.

Since the report in the last issue of The B. A. E. News, 7 more units of the Bureau equalled or exceeded their quotas. These units are: Audits and Accounts Section, Division of Cotton Marketing, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, Estimates and Reports Section, Grain Division, Division of Land Economics, and the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool.

Payments on pledges should be made direct to the Community Chest. The Department will not collect or transmit contributions after the drive is completed. Payments may be made at any bank, including the McLachlen Southwest branch.

BUREAU NOON HOUR RADIO  
BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The radio program of the Department is broadcast daily, except Sundays, from 12:55 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following members of this Bureau are on the program for the week beginning February 16:

February 16, 1:00 p.m., O. C. Stine, The Price Situation

February 17, 1:05 p.m., C. E. Gibbons, The Hog Markets

February 19, 1:05 p.m., C. V. Whalin, The Cattle Markets.

BEEF GRADING AND STAMPING DEMONSTRATION  
MADE BEFORE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL.

A beef grading and stamping demonstration, lasting approximately 30 minutes, was recently given before the pupils of a Junior High School in Sioux City, Iowa, under the auspices of the local school authorities. The demonstration was conducted by J. D. Hale, local representative in charge of the Sioux City office of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, and Harvey Huntington, beef grader assigned to that office. The initial meeting proved so successful that a request has been made for similar demonstrations to be given in 5 other local high schools, which means that between 6000 and 7000 school children will be reached in this manner.

The beef used was furnished by a local packer, who also provided a part of the decorations as well as assistance in handling the meat. Choice, Good and Medium grade heifer forequarters were stamped, and a Choice and a Common grade heifer hindquarter were also displayed for purposes of comparison. Requests have now been received for a series of talks on beef to be given before the Home Economics classes in the Sioux City schools.

HUGH W. TAYLOR TO CONDUCT  
LABORATORY WORK IN TOBACCO.

Hugh W. Taylor of Kentucky has been appointed to the position of Associate Marketing Specialist in the Tobacco Section, with headquarters in Washington, and reported for duty February 2. Mr. Taylor is a graduate of the University of Kentucky, and tobacco growing and handling has been his life work. For many years he was tobacco and cotton specialist in the employ of Rhodesia where he not only taught cultural methods but assisted in the development of a cooperative marketing organization. Standard grades which Mr. Taylor developed for Rhodesian tobacco are used as the basis of trade between Rhodesian growers and British manufacturers.

Mr. Taylor has been in the service of the Tobacco Section as a grader since August, 1930, serving at Live Oak, Fla., and later at Fuquay Springs and Varina, N. C.

The duties assigned to Mr. Taylor include a new program of activity in laboratory work in the study of physical and chemical characteristics of tobacco grades, changes that take place in leaf tobacco during storage, methods of promoting better sorting practices by tobacco growers, and the introduction of standard grades as a basis for international trade in tobacco.

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The past year has been the greatest in book additions to the Library of Congress, with a gain of 196,632 volumes, or more than 22 books added every hour in the year, including Sundays and holidays. - Christian Science Monitor.

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Every person has at least one book in him, and, generally speaking, it ought to remain there. - Rutland Herald.



IN CONGRESS:

Conferees have been appointed on the Agricultural Appropriation Act as follows: Senators McNary, Jones, Capper, Smith and Harris, and Representatives Dickinson, Simmons, Buchanan and Sandlin.

The first Deficiency Bill (H. R. 15592) which covers an item of \$38,980 for the Administration of the U. S. Warehouse Act has been signed by the President.

S.5441. by Senator Robinson, to assist in the organization of agricultural credit corporation has been reported out of the Senate Committee with amendments.

H.R.16470 - by Mr. Christopherson, to prohibit the use of public funds for the purchase of oleomargarine has been reported out of the House Committee with amendments.

Bills Introduced

H.R.16800 - by Mr. Sinclair, to liquidate and refinance agricultural indebtedness \* \* \*.

EMPLOYMENT UNDER LETTERS  
OF AUTHORIZATION.

An amendment to the Administrative Regulations has been made in order that these regulations of the Department may conform with the provisions of Paragraph 6, Subdivision 1, Schedule A of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. Paragraph 457 of the Department Administrative Regulations now reads:

"Employment Under Letters of Authorization.— Where the salary involved is at a rate not in excess of \$5.40 per annum \$45 per month or \$1.50 per day) employment outside of Washington, D. C., under letter of authorization may be indefinite as to duration.

"Where the salary involved is at a rate in excess of \$540 per annum, employment outside of Washington, D. C., under letter of authorization must not exceed 30 days in any one period of 12 months. If employment for a longer period is necessary a regular appointment must issue and specific authority of the Civil Service Commission must be obtained for the extension. (See paragraph 439 and 445 to 456, inclusive.)

"Reports of employment under letters of authorization shall be made in accordance with paragraph 437."

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If you have time to waste do not waste it on those who have not.—  
Anon.

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HERE AND THERE.

Mr. Englund took part in a meeting in Chicago, February 5 and 6, called by the American Farm Bureau Federation for the purpose of discussing tax problems having to do particularly with ways and means of securing better distribution of the tax burden and economy in State and local expenditures. Fourteen national organizations interested in tax problems were represented at this meeting.

Dr. W. J. Spillman, Division of Farm Management and Costs, recently returned from Corvallis, Oregon, where he attended the Farmers' Week meeting. About 300 farmers were in attendance. Dr. Spillman delivered five talks to the farmers and six other talks to special groups. Oregon farmers manifested great interest in what the agricultural college and the United States Department of Agriculture are doing for them.

Gerald B. Thorne, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, is assisting with regional outlook meetings being held this week by the State Extension Services of Kansas and Missouri. On the 9th and 10th he will take part in the meetings in Columbia, Fayette and Booneville, Mo., from the 10th to the 13th he will assist with meetings at Holton, Salina, Effingham and Clay Center, Kans.

John B. Shepard, Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, spent two days last week in New York State assisting State Extension Specialists in the preparation of their annual State outlook report. He is leaving Washington next Sunday for Michigan where on Monday he will assist in getting out the outlook report for that State.

C. A. Burmeister, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, assisted with an outlook conference held by the State Extension Service in Fargo, S. D., on February 6. He will assist with similar meetings in the State this week and next week, one at Rapid City February 11, a second at Mobridge February 13 and 14, and a third at Brookings, February 16. On the 17th he will take part in the Farmers Week program at the latter point. In addition to the foregoing, Mr. Burmeister was called upon to assist with a meeting of commodity specialists in St. Paul, Minn., at the College of Agriculture, University of Minnesota, February 9.

Chas. E. Gage, In Charge of the Tobacco Section, attended a tobacco outlook meeting in Florence, S. C., February 7, held by agricultural teachers, extension agents, and others.

Paul M. Williams, Warehouse Division, will participate in the Cannery Short Course to be held at the Agricultural Experiment Station of Purdue University, February 10, 11 and 12, by giving a talk on "Standards for Canned Foods Under the U. S. Warehouse Act."

James K. Wallace, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, will deliver five lectures, February 16 to 20, inclusive, on the standardization of cattle, hog, and sheep grades before a class at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, as a part of a course on grade standardization in agricultural commodities.

Announcement has recently been received of the marriage of Miss Annie May Norris and Leonard Ray Ford on May 31, 1930, at Elkton, Maryland. Mrs. Ford is a member of the Division of Cotton Marketing and Secretary of the Ladies' Agricultural Duck Pin League.

The Berlin office, in charge of Loyd V. Steere, American Agricultural Attaché, has changed its address from 75-76 Unter den Linden to Pariser Platz 2a, Berlin W. 8.

Harold Tinsley of the Atlanta office of the Division of Cotton Marketing is in Washington assisting with some statistical work in connection with the grade and staple estimates of cotton.

A special subcommittee of the Advisory Committee on Social and Economic Research in Agriculture met in the office of Dr. L. C. Gray, Division of Land Economics, on February 7 and 8. The group consisted of Dr. Gray, Dr. J. D. Black of Harvard University, Professors B. F. Hubert, Arthur Raper, and D. W. Watkins of the South Carolina Agricultural College; Professor Charles S. Johnson of Fiske University, and Dr. E. H. Shinn of the Extension Service. The Advisory Committee on Social and Economic Research in Agriculture will hold a meeting in New York City on February 14 and 15, in which Dr. Gray will take part.

F. G. Robb, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, returned to Washington on February 3 after completing a trip in the interest of the regulatory work under his direction. On January 26 at Berkeley, Calif., Mr. Robb addressed a class of advanced students in agricultural economics at the request of Dr. H. E. Erdman, formerly of this Bureau, on the regulatory work of the division. That afternoon was spent in Sacramento. He held a conference of Salt Lake City dealers on January 28, meeting a similar group of growers and shippers at Grand Junction on the 29th. On his return trip he stopped at the Chicago office.

Theodore T. Swenson, after ably maintaining his bachelor freedom at the livestock markets of Denver, Buffalo and St. Louis, finally succumbed to one of Chicago's attractive young women and was married January 31 at 5:00 p.m. to Miss Josephyne Brownlee. The couple are now at home at 5118 Dorchester Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and invite any and all Bureau members who may be visiting in Chicago to give them a call.

B. C. Boree, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, will leave Washington early next week for Charleston, S. C., points in Florida, Atlanta, Ga., New Orleans and Hammond, La., Mobile, Ala., and Crystal Springs, Miss., in the interest of the field work of the market news service. He will be in the field about three weeks.

The marriage of Donald F. Christy, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner of the Foreign Service, and Miss Margaret Mitchell of this city, took place last Friday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock in the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church. Gerald B. Thorne of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research acted as best man for Mr. Christy. Other Bureau members who acted as ushers were: Meade T. Foster, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, and B. H. Thibodeaux and Oscar Steanson, Division of Farm Management and Costs. Following a reception at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra G. Mitchell, in Chevy Chase, Mr. and Mrs. Christy left Washington for a wedding trip. After visiting the bridegroom's parents in Ohio the couple will go to New York whence they will sail on February 18 for Hamburg, going directly to Berlin where Mr. Christy will take up his new duties as Assistant Agricultural Commissioner.

Alfred C. Brittain and Miss Claudia Childs were married on January 31 in Clarendon, Va., where they are now making their home. C. L. Harlan, who is associated with Mr. Brittain in the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, acted as best man.

Romance seems to be in the air in the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates. Following the good example set by Mr. Christy, formerly of that staff, and Mr. Brittain a member of the division, Richard C. Ross now announces his engagement to Mrs. Katherine L. Schultz of the Seattle, Wash., office. Dan Cupid did his work when Mr. Ross was connected with the Seattle office as Crop and Livestock Estimator.

J. C. Folson, Division of Land Economics, has been authorized to attend the Inter-State Conference on Migratory Child Labor to be held in Baltimore on February 16 and 17.



# THE B. A. E. NEWS

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## OUTLOOK WORK DISCUSSED BY MEMBERS OF FARM BOARD, EXTENSION SERVICE, AND B. A. E.

A conference was held in Mr. Olsen's office on February 18 between representatives of the Federal Farm Board, the Extension Service, the Federal Board for Vocational Education, and this Bureau, for the purpose of discussing the distribution of outlook reports and the problem of carrying them to farmers. The method by which the national outlook report is now distributed in publications, in the press, by radio, by the extension services of the several States, and by Smith Hughes teachers was discussed. The relation of this work to the activities of the Federal Farm Board also was given attention. The place of a short summary edition of the outlook report in the general plan was considered, and this short edition will be issued at the earliest possible moment, as has been planned by the Bureau.

To consider problems in connection with the development of outlook work, a committee, to include representatives of this Bureau, the Federal Farm Board, the Extension Service, the Federal Board for Vocational Education, and a representative of the State extension directors' Committee on Extension Policy was proposed as a step toward coordinating the various activities in a more thorough manner than in the past.

## BUREAU'S INSPECTION TO BE APPLIED TO PORTO RICAN FRUITS AND POSSIBLY VEGETABLES.

The Bureau has entered into a cooperative agreement with the Fruit Growers' Improvement Committee of Porto Rico to provide shipping inspection in Porto Rico for citrus and other fruits and for vegetables if the need develops. The service will begin April 1.

These arrangements are the direct result of the investigations conducted on the Island for two months last fall by William E. Leigh of the division. Mr. Leigh found that the United States grades for Florida citrus fruits were applicable to Porto Rican fruits, and these grades will be used in the new inspection work.

More than 500,000 boxes of grapefruit have been promised for inspection by shippers. It is expected that this work will require the services of a supervising inspector and at least two licensed inspectors at the beginning of the season. A. S. Mason, a member of the New York staff of inspectors, will probably be assigned as supervisor. If inspection is extended to other fruits and to vegetables it is quite probable that 5 or 6 inspectors will be required. The division is arranging to recommend for this work men who have had experience in Florida, although local men may be employed after the work develops.

This is the first time the fruit and vegetable inspection service has been extended beyond the borders of the United States.

### THREE FIELD STATISTICIANS CALLED TO WASHINGTON FOR SPECIAL STUDY.

Three field Statisticians arrived in Washington on February 16 to assist the Washington staff of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates in preparing material for the 1931 estimates of production of cotton, wheat, and corn. These men are D. A. McCandliss, Mississippi, Henry L. Rasor, Arkansas, and John J. Morgan, North Carolina. They will probably be engaged in this work in Washington for two months.

Certain phases of these studies are of particular interest to the Federal Farm Board and other phases to the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, so that workers from the Board, including C. F. Sarle, and from the division will be detailed to assist with this work.

### SUCCESSFUL WOOL GRADING SCHOOLS CONDUCTED IN NORTH DAKOTA.

A series of wool grading schools for the benefit of county agents were conducted in North Dakota in January by J. Wiley Christie, Specialist in Wool Marketing, Wool Section, in cooperation with Dr. A. H. Benton, Head of the Department of Marketing and Rural Organization, and Dr. C. F. Monroe, Director of Agricultural Extension, North Dakota Agricultural College. Mr. Christie followed up his grading demonstrations with talks on practices and procedure in handling wool, from the wool grower through to the dealer and manufacturer. He also discussed world wool and marketing conditions.

The practical tests in the wool grading schools were based on the United States standards for grades of wool. The schools were held at 5 points: Dickinson, Valley City, Minot, Devils Lake and Fargo. Thirty-five county agents were enrolled for the classes, which lasted two days in each city. At Fargo during the North Dakota Farmers and Home-makers' Week, January 20 to 23, Mr. Christie conducted grading demonstrations in the College buildings for the many growers and others interested in agriculture.

Mr. Christie addressed two other meetings sponsored by the College, one at Bowman and the other at Forman, North Dakota. At the former meeting, 100 wool growers were present; at the latter, 80 growers were in attendance.

It was the general opinion of those present at the schools and meetings that Mr. Christie's work will be of real benefit to the wool producers of North Dakota.

### BUREAU NOON HOUR RADIO BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The radio program of the Department is broadcast daily, except Sundays, from 12:55 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following members of this Bureau are on the program for the week beginning February 23:

February 25, 1:00 p.m., G. A. Collier, February Grain Markets

1:05 p.m., L. M. Davis, February Dairy Markets

February 26, 1:00 p.m., C. L. Harlan, February Lamb Markets

1:05 p.m., Roy C. Potts, February Poultry and Egg Markets.



F. & V. SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION TO BE  
EXTENDED TO FOUR NEW ENGLAND STATES.

Word has been received from New England that at a meeting of Commissioners of Agriculture and Marketing Officials in Boston on February 10, an agreement was reached under which Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Connecticut will join in a cooperative agreement with this Department for Federal-State shipping point inspection in these 4 States during the next season, of fruits, principally apples, and vegetables, except Maine potatoes which are handled under separate agreement. Such arrangements were not deemed necessary in Rhode Island as the Federal Inspector in Providence, Herbert L. Geer, is able to attend to the few requests which are made for shipping point inspections. It is reported that Vermont apple growers have not yet felt the need for this type of service, as a very large part of their crop is shipped to New York City for sale.

THREE OPTIONS OFFERED IN JUNIOR  
MARKETING SPECIALIST EXAMINATION.

The Civil Service Commission announces an assembled examination for Junior Marketing Specialist, salary \$2,000 to \$2,500 a year. Applications to take this examination should be filed with the commission not later than March 17, 1931. Applicants may be examined in one or more of the following optional subjects: 1. Fruits, Vegetables and Miscellaneous Products; 2. Livestock and Animal Products; 3. Wool. Only one application is required to be filed, regardless of the number of optional subjects taken.

The precise duties of appointees will depend somewhat upon their personal qualifications and upon the needs of the service at the time of appointment. In general, they will be principally in connection with the market news service of the Bureau, in the collection and compilation of information concerning shipments, receipts, and prices in producing sections and in the larger markets, in the preparation and distribution of market reports, and in investigations of methods and costs of marketing.

As ability to distinguish colors clearly is a basic necessity for positions with the inspection and grading service, as well as in duties involving investigational and research work, all appointees selected for work along these lines will be given a standard color test at the place where they are required to report for duty. Failure to pass this color test successfully will necessitate immediate separation from the position to which appointed.

For information as to scholastic requirements, training, etc., copies of the announcement may be consulted in the Personnel Section.

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Washington's birthday will be observed on Monday, February 23, inasmuch as February 22 comes on Sunday.

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Great works are performed not by strength, but by perseverance.--  
Dr. Johnson.

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BUREAU BREVITIES.

THE AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK FOR 1931, issued as Mis. Pub. 108, began coming from the press on February 13. The first printed copies were received ten days from the date the manuscript was transmitted by the Bureau.

THE REDUCED FEED SUPPLY and Its Relation to the Livestock Outlook, a report in mimeographed form, by G. B. Thorne, is now available for distribution.

FARM POPULATION ASSOCIATED WITH SIZE OF FARMS; with value of farm land and buildings; with mortgaged owner-operated farms; and with location of farms on kind of roads is presented by twelve maps and discussed in text in a recent multigraphed release by the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life.

CLEANING SEED GRAIN, USGSA-GI-58, a report by R. H. Black and E. G. Boerner, Grain Investigations, Grain Division, in multigraph form, is now being distributed.

TABLE OF NUMBER OF PACKAGES PER CARLOAD, issued by the Division of Fruits and Vegetables, is a tabulation containing information compiled from data supplied by shippers, dealers, railroads, and representatives of the Bureau. Records of the inspection service were also used where possible. Copies of this tabulation are available for distribution.

THE RADIO MARKET BROADCASTS made by the South Saint Paul, Minn., office of the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, are being clearly received at points far to the northwest. The following letter to that effect, addressed by J. H. Schade of Daysland, Alberta, Canada, to his uncle, Harry Bayne of South Saint Paul, has been referred to the Bureau's office in that city: "I heard over the radio that Saint Paul has had a little winter lately. I hear the Saint Paul live stock report at 4:45 p.m. our time, or 5:45 your time. It generally comes over clear and loud. I always wonder if you are near. I don't suppose they would let you say hello. \* \* \* If you ever see the fellow that gives the live stock report over the air, tell him you have a friend at Daysland, Alberta, Canada, that hears his report quite frequently." Daysland is approximately 1200 miles northwest of South St. Paul.

VIRGINIA FARM STATISTICS, compiled jointly by the Virginia office of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates and the Division of Agricultural Statistics of the Virginia Department of Agriculture, receives praise in a recent letter from the Gulf States Steel Company of Birmingham, Ala., addressed to John A. Hicks, Associate Crop and Livestock Estimator of this Bureau, by Albert Browdy of the advertising department of the company. The following extract is taken from the letter: "This is one of the most attractive publications of its kind that we have seen and is very complete. It is certainly a credit to your department and State."

DRYING COMBINE HARVESTED RICE ON THE FARM, a report by W. D. Smith, J. J. Deffes and C. H. Bennett, Grain Division, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, and W. M. Hurst, Division of Agricultural Engineering, Bureau of Public Roads, is to be translated and published in French. A request has been received in the Department from F. Heim de Balsac, Professeur d'Agriculture au Conservatoire National des Arts et Metiers et a l'Institut National d'Agronomie Coloniale, Laboratoire des Productions Coloniales, Paris, France, for permission to print the report in French in "Riz et Riziculture."

FARM PRICES OF COTTON RELATED TO QUALITY, by L. D. Howell, Division of Cotton Marketing, this Bureau, and W. T. Fullilove, Georgia Experiment Station, has recently been issued by the Station as Bulletin 165. Requests for copies of the bulletin should be made to the Georgia Experiment Station, as this Bureau has none for distribution.

IN CONGRESS:

Senator Keyes and Senator Kendrick have been included as conferees on the Agricultural Appropriation Bill.

- S. 5833 - by Senator McNary, to amend "An act to provide for the further development of agricultural extension work between the agricultural colleges in the several States receiving the benefits of the Act entitled 'An act donating public lands to the several States and Territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and mechanic arts'\*\*\*," has been reported out of the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry with amendments.

Bills Introduced.

- H. Doc. 754 - A communication from the President of the United States transmitting a supplemental estimate of appropriation for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year 1931, for the Enforcement of the U. S. Cotton Futures Act and U. S. Cotton Standards Act in the sum of \$75,000.
- H.R. 17029 - by Mr. Stone for the relief of obligors on defaulted commercial paper in the drought or storm stricken area of the United States.
- H.R. 17028 - by Mr. Ketcham, to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the further development of agricultural extension work between the agricultural colleges \* \* \*."

HERE AND THERE.

W. A. Sherman, In Charge, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, will attend the convention of the Virginia Cannery Association at the Patrick Henry Hotel at Roanoke, Virginia, February 18 and 19, particularly to discuss the operation of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, concerning which many of the cannerymen seem to have relatively little information. This is the first cannerymen's meeting to which a representative of the Department has been invited to discuss the new law.

Dr. W. J. Spillman, Division of Farm Management and Costs, will address the Kiwanis Club of Huntingdon, Pa., February 18, on the subject, "Relation of Rural to Urban Prosperity." Dr. Spillman will assist in conducting State dairy outlook meetings in New Jersey, at Somerville on the 19th and at Mt. Holly on the 20th.

Dr. C. J. Galpin, In Charge, Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, will appear twice on the program of the Eastern States Extension Conference, in New Brunswick, N. J., February 25, giving one address on "Sociological Trends and Inferences in Eastern States," and another on "Building up a Philosophy of Life."

Friends in Washington learned with sincere regret last week of E. A. Orr's bereavement in the death of his mother. Mr. Orr is in charge of the St. Joseph, Missouri, office of the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool.

E. L. Langsford, Division of Farm Management and Costs, left Washington February 12 for an official trip that will keep him away from official headquarters until about May 1. He is gathering from farmers and others in the chief type-of-farming areas in Georgia economic information relating to farm organization and farm practice.



W. I. Holt, who has been representing the Division of Cotton Marketing at Havre, France, is now in Washington. Mr. Holt arrived last week.

Arthur D. Mason joined the Warehouse Division on February 16 as Assistant Warehouse Examiner in Cotton Warehousing. He will be connected with the Dallas, Tex., office, which handles the division's work in Arkansas, Southeastern Missouri, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. Mr. Mason attended the University of Arkansas for several years. He has had extensive experience in the handling of cotton, as a classer, buyer, and manager of cotton concerns, as well as a member of the firm of Mason and Mayo, Inc., Muskogee, Okla., and in the conduct of his own business.

Elwood Hoeffcker, Milling and Baking Laboratory, Grain Division, left Washington Sunday for New York City and Philadelphia where he will spend the next ten days making analyses of wheat samples in connection with milling and baking studies.

R. C. Butner, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, spent last Friday in New York City conferring with local representatives of the division on the conduct of the inspection service.

Warner M. Buck, Wool Section, has returned to Washington from an extended trip. He attended the annual conventions of wool growers in Idaho, Utah, Montana, Washington, Arizona and New Mexico. The new educational wool display was shown at these meetings and Mr. Buck explained the methods of distribution and marketing of wool and the processes of manufacture from the raw state to the finished fabric. His demonstrations of the United States standards for grades of wool received many favorable comments regarding their benefit to growers. While on the Pacific Coast Mr. Buck conferred with officials of the Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers' Association and the California Wool Growers' Association in regard to the wool grading inspection service which the Bureau is contemplating, as well as to problems which confront growers.

C. W. Crickman, Division of Farm Management and Costs, is making an extended trip and will not be back in Washington for at least three months. He is visiting points in Minnesota, assisting State agricultural workers in the completion for publication of manuscripts showing the results of cooperative studies in farm organization and operation in Polk County, Minn. He is also lending assistance in the development of plans for farm reorganization in connection with a cooperative farm management project being conducted in the dairy section of Southeastern Minnesota.

James K. Wallace, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, will conduct livestock and meat grading demonstrations on cattle and lambs at the West River Farm Development Institute at Belle Fourche, S. D., February 24 and 25.

M. A. Crosby, Division of Farm Management and Costs, left Washington February 15 for Alabama for the purpose of obtaining additional information on effective practices in preparing Johnson hay for market. He will next go to points in Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota where he will make a study of the economics of sweetclover production and its place in the Great Plains' farming systems. Mr. Crosby will be in the field several months.

John H. Cox and Harold E. Earp, Grain Division, will spend several days this week in New York City, continuing experiments with carboxide in treating grain for weevils.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Miss Anne Elder of the Division of Farm Management and Costs, whose mother died Sunday after a long illness. The funeral services will be held from Gawler's, Funeral Directors, Wednesday morning

Rufus A. Eichelberger was appointed in the Warehouse Division, effective February 16, as Assistant Warehouse Examiner in Cotton Warehousing. He is a member of the Atlanta, Ga., office which covers the work of the division in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee. Mr. Eichelberger has attended college for two years. Since 1919 he has been employed in various capacities in the cotton business. He was engaged for two years in the buying and selling of cotton. For three years he was employed by the Farmers' Union Warehouse Company of Anniston, Ala. He organized and operated a community cooperative cotton association at Wasco, Calif., for one year, grading and stapling all the cotton received by that association, approximating 4,000 bales. He classed cotton for the San Joaquin Cotton Growers of California for two years, and recently has assisted in the operation of the Farmers' Union Warehouse Company of Anniston, Ala.

Professor G. P. Scoville of Ithaca, N. Y., who is collaborating with the Division of Farm Management and Costs in some cooperative studies of the economics of the grape industry, is spending some time in Washington assisting division workers in the completion of reports of these studies for publication.

Bureau friends were sincerely sorry to learn last week of the death of Mrs. Maude F. Dacy's mother. Mrs. Dacy is a member of the Graphics Section.

According to the Project Letter of the Grain Division, the force of the Galveston office of that division has been actively engaged, during the lull in movement of grain, as cabinet workers. The entire office and laboratory furniture has been sal-sodiumed, scraped, sandpapered, polished, and varnished. The workers are pleased enough with their efforts to assert that the furniture has all the appearance of new. The government trucks also have shared in this spirit of renovation.

Miss Emily Clark, Estimates and Reports Section, was called to Chicago last week on account of her sister's illness. Miss Clark expected to be away from the office for a couple of weeks.

Paul M. Williams, Warehouse Division, will give an address on the U. S. grades for canned foods before a meeting of the Missouri Cannery Association in Monett, Mo., February 25. He will assist with two sessions of the Cannery Short Course at the Arkansas College of Agriculture, Fayetteville, February 26 and 27, explaining the operation of the U. S. Warehouse Act and discussing the official and tentative standards for canned foods under that Act.

H. H. Hawthorne, Division of Farm Management and Costs, returned to Washington on Monday from two weeks' official trip. He met a representative of the Florida State College of Agriculture in Atlanta, Ga., and discussed with him a cooperative study between the College and this Bureau on the Florida citrus industry. He visited points in Tennessee, arranging with State agricultural workers for the summarization of data and preparation of reports based on the farm account book projects for 1930. This is the third year that the division has carried on a cooperative project with farmers in this connection in the various localities in Tennessee. He also went to Kentucky and met with farm economic workers for the purpose of discussing the progress of work on cooperative projects on land utilization, farm management, and large scale farming which are being carried on in that State.

Miss Claudia Thomson of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research will receive the degree of Bachelor of Arts from The George Washington University at the Mid-Winter Convocation February 23, 1931. Miss Thompson majored in economics.



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## INTERNATIONAL COTTON STANDARDS CONFERENCE IS POSTPONED TO MAY.

The International Universal Cotton Standards Conference of 1931 would ordinarily have convened on Monday, March 9, but in order to accommodate some of the delegates of the European associations who had planned to attend the Sixth Biennial Congress of the International Chamber of Commerce in Washington during the early part of May, it was agreed between the Department and the various associations that the 1931 meeting would be adjourned until May 9. On this date the delegates will gather in the Department and preliminary sessions of the conference will be held. The work of approving copies of the Universal Cotton Standards will begin on May 11.

It will be recalled that the Universal Cotton Standard agreements between the Department of Agriculture and the 9 leading cotton exchanges and associations of Europe provide for biennial meetings in Washington for the purpose of examining and approving 40 or more sets of copies of the original Universal Standards, and such additional numbers as may be required for the use of the Department and the associations during the 2-year period beginning on August 1 next following each such meeting.

The European exchanges and associations that will be represented at the conference in May are:

Liverpool Cotton Association (Ltd.),	Associazione Italiana Facista
Liverpool, England.	degli Industriali Cotonieri,
Manchester Cotton Association (Ltd.),	Milan, Italy.
Manchester, England.	Marché de Coton à Band,
Syndicat du Commerce des Cotons	Ghent, Belgium.
au Havre,	Centro Algodonero de Barcelona,
Havre, France.	Barcelona, Spain.
Bremer Baumwollbörse,	Vereeniging voor den Katoenhandel
Bremen, Germany	te Rotterdam,
	Rotterdam, Holland.
	Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Associations
	(Ltd.), of England,
	Manchester, England.

In addition to the foregoing delegates the Department invites various organizations, growers, manufacturers, and merchants to send representatives to the conference. At the meeting in 1929 there was also in attendance as a guest of the Department a representative of the Japan Cotton Spinners' Association and the Japan Cotton Merchants' Union. It is probable that these same associations will be represented by at least one delegate at the 1931 meeting.

STUDY BEING MADE OF MARKETING OF  
PACIFIC COAST ALFALFA HAY IN THE EAST.

The Hay, Feed and Seed Division, in cooperation with the Bureau of Field Crops of the California State Department of Agriculture, is making a study of the marketing of alfalfa hay from the Pacific Coast in the Eastern markets, with particular reference to the hay which is transported by water from the Pacific Coast ports to ports on the Atlantic Coast, principally Baltimore and Norfolk. Because of the drouth in the Eastern States during the last season, causing a hay shortage, more hay has been marketed in this way than is usual. So far as possible all the cargoes of alfalfa hay arriving at Baltimore and which were inspected on the Pacific Coast have been given supervision inspection by representatives of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division. Messrs. Welsh, Hosterman, Parker and Wheeler have made trips to Baltimore to examine this hay and determine its condition.

The State of California is vitally interested in the matter of expanding its hay commerce. As a result of its interest in hay marketing, D. R. Mitchell, Supervising Hay Inspector for the State of California and Federal Hay Inspector at Los Angeles, recently made a trip into the Southern and Eastern States to study the marketing of California alfalfa hay in those regions, in order to advise California growers and shippers as to the best outlets for their hay in the Central and Southern States, the best manner of handling the hay for those markets, and what grades of hay are most desired there. This trip was made under the auspices of the Bureau of Commerce of the California Department of Finance and the Bureau of Field Crops of the State Department of Agriculture. The Division of Hay, Feed and Seed has recently received a copy of a comprehensive mimeographed report of this survey, prepared by Mr. Mitchell.

DR. BAKER TO SERVE ON PRESIDENT'S  
COMMITTEE ON RECENT SOCIAL CHANGES.

Dr. O. E. Baker, Division of Land Economics, has been requested to assist with the work of the President's Committee on Recent Social Changes, of which Wesley Mitchell of the National Bureau of Economic Research is Chairman. Dr. Baker, together with Dr. S. G. Tryon of the Bureau of Mines, will prepare the portion of the report dealing with natural resources, the former preparing the part relating to land or agricultural resources, and the latter the part on mineral resources. Dr. Baker has been authorized to spend a part of his time during the coming year on this work, in which he will be assisted by Miss Edith M. Fitton as research assistant and secretary. Miss Fitton has been employed at Clark University, recently coming to Washington to assist Dr. Baker in this special assignment.

GROWING APPRECIATION OF BUREAU'S COTTON  
STANDARDIZATION WORK AMONG EUROPEAN TRADE.

William I. Holt, representative of the Foreign Agricultural Service Division with headquarters in Havre, France, recently returned to Washington for conferences pertaining to the European cotton work of his division.

Mr. Holt gave a brief review of the European work which has been carried on by him since October 1, 1924, when he first sailed for Europe as representative of the Division of Cotton Marketing of this Bureau with



headquarters in London. During the two or three ensuing years Mr. Holt's activities were essentially in the nature of service to holders and users of the Universal Standards for American cotton. Periodical visits were made to all of the European cotton centers in furtherance of this work. In the last two years a similar effort has been made to assist the European cotton trade in its use of the Official Cotton Standards of the United States for Length of Staple.

Mr. Holt reports that the cotton standardization work of the Department has gained consistently from year to year in appreciation of the European cotton trade. The efficiency which characterizes the work of preparing the grade and staple standards is often remarked upon in Europe, where the standards have a very general use.

To a large extent Mr. Holt's work has been on special assignments, the most recent of which required visiting all of the European markets to study the increased competition of foreign grown cottons with American Cotton.

#### FARM POPULATION SHOWS AN INCREASE FOR 1930.

The first gain in farm population in the 10 years for which annual estimates have been made by the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life was made in 1930. The number of persons who left farms for towns and cities in 1930 was 1,543,000 compared with 1,876,000 persons in 1929, and a peak movement of 2,155,000 persons in 1926, the study revealed. The movement from cities to farms in 1930 was the largest since 1924. Last year 1,392,000 persons moved from cities to farms, compared with a peak movement of 1,396,000 persons in 1924. This movement farmward is considered a reflection of the industrial employment situation.

The net movement away from farms was 151,000 persons last year, but a normal increase of 359,000 births over deaths on farms last year brought the total farm population on January 1, 1931, to 27,430,000 persons as compared with 27,222,000 persons on January 1, 1930.

The tendency to leave farms appears to have received a decided check, according to the report, in the Middle Atlantic, South Atlantic, West South Central, and East North Central States, in which areas 262,000 fewer persons left farms in 1930 than in 1929.

#### SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED FOR PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES IN OPEN MARKET.

The Bureau Stock List has been revised recently and a copy should be in every office. This list covers all supplies in general use. Supplies required by an office and not included in the Stock List should be requisitioned in the usual way with the item number left blank. If the requisition is approved, the supplies ordinarily will be procured in Washington from the contractor under the General Schedule of Supplies and shipped to the field office.

No purchase of supplies should be made locally by a field office unless such purchase has been specifically authorized. Exception is made in case of an absolute emergency, provided the necessity for such emergency purchase is fully explained when voucher is transmitted. On account of the restricted supply of yearly contract schedules now furnished the Bureau, it is not possible to supply field offices with copies.

FARMERS FOLLOW TOBACCO GRADER'S  
SUGGESTIONS AND GET HIGHER PRICES.

Practical suggestions with reference to the preparation of tobacco for market, made in a letter to a Virginia farmer by A. H. Irby, Supervising Grader in the Virginia fire-cured district, elicited the following reply:

"I am writing to thank you for your kindness in going with me to see the tenants on my farm and giving them instructions how to grade their tobacco and for the letter which you wrote me, containing instructions on grading, a copy of which I sent to all the tenants on my farm and on the estate of my late brother.

"I can see the results of your instructions to my tenants in the increased prices they are getting for their tobacco. One of my tenants tells me that after following your instructions, the average price of his tobacco which was the same kind and quality sold before was increased \$5.00 per hundred. I estimate your instructions to my tenants will increase the price they will receive from their tobacco by over \$1000.00.

"I would suggest that if it meets with the approval of your department that next year you get out a letter to all of the tobacco growers in the dark belt similar to the letter you wrote me. Such a letter would, I believe, help tremendously the farmers, the warehousemen and the buyers."

J. H. Meek, Director of the Virginia Division of Markets, thought so well of Mr. Irby's suggestions that he used them in a press release.

BUREAU NOON HOUR RADIO  
BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The radio program of the Department is broadcast daily, except Sundays, from 12:55 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following members of this Bureau are on the program for the week beginning March 2:

March 2, 1:10 p.m., A. B. Genung, Comments on the Agricultural Situation

March 4, 1:00 p.m., F. J. Hosking, The Feed Situation.

IN CONGRESS:

H.R.15256 - The Agricultural Appropriation bill for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1932 has been sent to the President for signature.

The bill carried an appropriation of \$7,241,136 for this Bureau as compared with the amount of \$7,257,867 as passed by the Senate.

The items which were omitted from the report of the Conference Committee of the two Houses are as follows:

Studies of forest land utilization in Europe	
(Under supervision of the Forest Service)	\$12,500
Grain Standards Act.....	3,531
Warehouse Act.....	700
Total.....	\$16,731

The Second Deficiency Bill (H.R.17163) which covers an additional amount of \$75,000 for the Enforcement of the U.S. Cotton Futures and Cotton Standards Acts has passed the House.



H.J.Res. 506 - A bill to amend the paragraphs relating to drought and/or storm or hail-stricken areas as contained in the Interior Department Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1932 has been signed by the President of the United States.

S.Res. 405 - by Senator Brookhart, to investigate the retail prices of milk and other dairy products has been reported out of the Senate Committee without amendment.

### BUREAU BREVITIES.

QUALITY OF COTTON PRODUCED IN NORTH CAROLINA - Crops of 1928 and 1929, a preliminary report by W. B. Lanham and R. E. Betts, Division of Cotton Marketing, is now being distributed. This report presents certain of the results thus far obtained in the study described by the authors. It is issued at this time to make the information available for immediate use in advance of a more comprehensive printed publication when the study is completed.

WHAT AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS HAD WE BEST EXPORT. the address of Dr. O. C. Stine, In Charge, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, before the Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the American Farm Economic Association, Cleveland, Ohio, December 31, 1930, has been mimeographed and may be obtained upon request of the Division of Economic Information.

RECENT MARKETING SUMMARIES released by the Division of Fruits and Vegetables include: Marketing Texas Bermuda Onions, 1930 Season, by J. B. Owens and C. D. Schoolcraft; in cooperation with the Texas Department of Agriculture, Marketing Lower Rio Grande Valley Texas Cabbage Crop, 1929-30 Season, by W. D. Googe; in cooperation with the North Carolina Division of Markets, Marketing North Carolina Strawberries, 1930 Season, by R. E. Keller.

PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS is a mimeographed list compiled in the Division of Economic Information. This list includes all printed bulletins of the Bureau issued from July, 1922 to January, 1931. Copies may be obtained from the division upon request.

"LOCAL INTEREST IN U.S.D.A. REPORTS was never as keen as at this time," writes A. J. Ryan, local representative of the Buffalo, N. Y., office of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division. Mr. Ryan adds: "Every release, and particularly those pertaining to the outlook on future conditions, are eagerly read by buyers and sellers alike. Many of the commission firms have a standing order with me to rush a copy of any new release to their office, or call them on the phone. How different than it used to be here."

THE HISTORY OF AGRICULTURE IN THE UNITED STATES, a brief list of annotated references compiled by Everett E. Edwards, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, has been published in mimeographed form. The Division of Economic Information has copies for distribution.

SUMMARY OF STANDARD TOBACCO GRADES FOR U. S. TYPE 31, mimeographed, has been issued by the Tobacco Section. This summary has been prepared to give farmers, dealers, and others interested the general plan of the Standard Grades for Burley Tobacco, classified as U. S. Type 31.

RURAL STANDARDS OF LIVING in Dane and Green Counties, Wisconsin, a report by E. L. Kirkpatrick, P. E. McNall, and May L. Cowles, of the College of Agriculture of the University of Wisconsin, has been published by the University as Stencil Bulletin 106. The study was made under a cooperative agreement with the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life of this Bureau, in which division a limited supply of the bulletin is on hand for distribution.

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HERE AND THERE.

L. H. Bean, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, discussed "The Business Situation in Relation to Agriculture" at meetings of County Extension Agents in Salt Lake City, Utah, February 20 and 21. During the week of February 23 he is on the program of a series of meetings of potato growers and dealers in Idaho, called by H. E. Drobish, Secretary of the Pacific Northwest Potato Committee, and will give talks on the subject, "Prospects for Idaho Potatoes in 1931." On March 4 he will discuss "Trends in Business and Commodity Prices in Relation to Agriculture" as a part of the short course on Land Management at the University of Minnesota.

Howard V. Kittle, In Charge of the Lansing, Michigan, office of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, spent 3 days in Washington last week conferring with representatives of the division on the organization of the work of the bean market news and bean inspection in Michigan.

W. C. Davis, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, will discuss retail meat merchandising problems before members of the Eskay Certified Dealers' Association at a meeting in Baltimore on March 3. This Association is made up of independent retailers who have a cooperative arrangement with the Schluderberg-Kurdle Company working to the mutual advantage of this packing company and the dealers. This is the first time such an arrangement has been entered into by a packer and independent meat dealers.

J. S. Campbell, In Charge of the Chicago office of the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, has the deep sympathy of his friends in Washington in the death of his mother on February 14.

About 500 farmers, dealers, and students attended three grain grading schools held by the Extension Service of the Texas A. & M. College, February 5, 6, and 7, respectively, at Sequine, New Fraunfels and Pearsall, Texas. E. L. Morris, J. R. Holmes and C. W. Griffin of Federal Grain Supervision, who attended these meetings report that the farmers who were present were of the highest type and displayed eager interest in every part of the program. A number of grain films were shown by the Bureau's representatives.

Richard W. Rankin has been appointed in the Warehouse Division as Assistant Warehouse Examiner. He is expected to report on February 24 at his headquarters in Dallas, Texas, which office has supervision of the division's work in Texas, New Mexico, Missouri, Arkansas, California, Tennessee, Louisiana, Arizona and Oklahoma. Mr. Rankin has been in the cotton business since 1918, during which time he has been engaged in buying, classing, and selling cotton and acting as a partner of the firm of Hampton-Rankin Company of Weslaco and Iowa Park, Texas, buyers and sellers of cotton.

An invitation to Mr. Olsen and the Bureau staff, to attend the opening of the New Exhibition Building for Reptiles, Batrachians, and Invertebrates in the National Zoological Park, Friday evening, February 27, 1931, from 8 to 11 o'clock, has been extended by C. G. Abbot, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. Visitors are instructed to enter the Park by way of the Harvard Street gate.

Mrs. Mabel M. Darroch and Miss Helen L. Lee, Division of Farm Management and Costs, spent the week-end holiday in an enjoyable visit in New York City.

W. O. Fraser, In Charge of the Des Moines, Ia., office of the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, will give a talk before a meeting of the Iowa Institute of Cooperatives, at Des Moines, February 25, on "Keeping in Touch with Consumer Demand."

It is a pleasure to announce the birth on February 6 of Elmore R. Torn, Junior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmore R. Torn. Mr. Torn is a member of the Austin, Texas grade and staple estimates office of the Division of Cotton Marketing. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Torn.

Frederick V. Waugh, Statistician for the New England States, is being called to Washington to collaborate with E. C. Parker in the preparation of statistical data and charts pertaining to export grain movements, export inspection, and various proposed revisions of the grain standards. Mr. Waugh will probably spend several weeks here on this work.

James K. Wallace, Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, left Washington on February 20 to spend 30 days in the field. He will give livestock and meat grading demonstrations on February 25 at the West River Farm Institute, Belle Fourche, S. D.; at a meeting of the Panhandle Livestock Breeders' Association, Amarillo, Texas, March 2 to 5; at the Southwestern Exposition and Stock Show, Fort Worth, March 7 to 14; and at the 55th Annual Convention of the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association at Corpus Christi, Texas, March 17 to 19.

R. G. Hainsworth of the Graphics Section is receiving the congratulations of his friends on the recent birth of a son.

Edwin O. Swedberg, Junior Marketing Specialist, reported last week for duty in the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, under a temporary appointment. Mr. Swedberg is assisting with the study of methods and practices used in the direct marketing of hogs. Mr. Swedberg and Knute Bjorka of the division will go to Baltimore about February 24 to spend a week or ten days gathering information in connection with this study.

We have information to the effect that James F. Moriarty was recently married to Miss Adele Bell of Boston, Mass. Mr. Moriarty, formerly a member of the Washington office of the Division of Cotton Marketing, transferred to Mobile, Alabama, in December to become assistant supervisor of the local board of cotton examiners.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Charles Bruce in the death of his brother last week. Mr. Bruce is in charge of the Omaha office of the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool.

Miss Ann Lodge, Division of Farm Management and Costs, was called to her home in Meriden, Conn., last week because of the illness of her mother.

Miss Marion Reed's ability as a prize-winning dancer has added to her popularity in the Division of Hay, Feed and Seed, of which she is a member. At the annual spring formal dance held by the Y. W. C. A. at 11th and M Streets, Northwest, last Thursday evening, Miss Reed and her gentleman partner won the prize waltz. She was presented with a choice box of candy and a box of salted nuts.

Announcement of the marriage on February 18 of Warren Smeby, representative of the Chicago office of the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, to Miss Viola Mae Clark, has been received in Washington with much interest. Friends here send their congratulations and best wishes.



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## JUDGE DILLMAN APPOINTED FOR WORK ON P.A.C. ACT.

With the recent passage of the Agricultural Appropriation Bill for 1932, \$100,000 has become immediately available for the administration of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act. This enables the Bureau to begin an active campaign in the field in clearing up more than 400 complaints which have accumulated during the last 8 months and which remain unsettled. One of the first steps taken in this direction is the appointment in the office of the Solicitor of the Department, of Raymond L. Dillman, who will be assigned to legal work under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act.

Mr. Dillman has practiced law in South Dakota for nearly 11 years. He was Circuit Judge of the Twelfth South Dakota Judicial Circuit for 8 years and for nearly 2 years he served as Assistant Attorney General for South Dakota, located at Pierre.

## H. F. FITTS ASSISTS PRODUCTION LOAN OFFICE AT FORT WORTH.

A new district office for the administration of the \$45,000,000 fund for production loans has been established at Fort Worth, Texas, by the Department. This office, in charge of O. F. Fisher, Extension Agronomist at Washington, will handle loans for Texas alone. Harrison F. Fitts, Senior Administrative Officer of the Division of Economic Information, this Bureau, has been detailed to the new office to assist with the legal work. In addition, three or four men have gone from Washington, including a disbursing officer and others to assist in accounting and administrative work. For the present, this office will be concerned only with loans from the \$45,000,000 fund for production purposes.

## ALFALFA MEAL LABORATORY IS ESTABLISHED.

A technological laboratory for use in the study of alfalfa meal and chopped alfalfa has been designed, built and equipped with up-to-date apparatus by the Hay, Feed and Seed Division. The laboratory is divided into two parts. A microscopical and chemical laboratory is located in the room fully equipped for that purpose on the second floor of 221 Linworth Place. A mechanical laboratory wherein such work as grinding, sieving and aspirating will be done is in a room in the hay storage space on the first floor of 300 Linworth Place. It was considered advisable to keep these two types of work separate because the dust from the grinding and sieving work would be undesirable in the main laboratory. The chemical studies will cover such problems of protein crude fiber, fat and carbohydrates. A study

will be made to find a correlation between these factors and the results obtained by the mechanical studies. The microscopical studies will dovetail in with the chemical and mechanical investigations. W. L. Hall will conduct the chemical and microscopical work and W. H. Hosterman, in charge of the alfalfa meal project, will carry on the mechanical studies.

RE-SURVEY OF CERTAIN SOCIAL AREAS  
TO BE MADE FOR PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE.

The President's Research Committee on Social Trends has requested that a re-survey of the social areas of Otsego County, New York, be made now after ten years by the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life in cooperation with the Department of Rural Social Organization of Cornell University. The former study was one of several similar studies in different States. It is expected that the new studies after a lapse of ten or more years will furnish clues to important rural social trends.

In this connection, Professor William F. Ogburn of the University of Chicago, Director of The President's Research Committee on Social Trends, who has been making a study of important inventions and their social effects, has asked Dr. C. J. Galpin, In Charge, Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, to give his impressions of the effect of the radio on agriculture. In his letter to Dr. Galpin, Professor Ogburn states that he understands the radio has been used "for broadcasting weather reports which are useful to farmers in some areas and in broadcasting market reports, enabling the farmer to sell his products with a better knowledge of market conditions." He adds that he would like to have Dr. Galpin's further impressions of the effects of the radio on agriculture and also on rural life.

RUSSIAN ABSORBED IN AGRICULTURAL  
REORGANIZATION FORGETS OLD CUSTOMS.

Socialist reorganization of agriculture so absorbs the Russian that observance of Christmas, New Year, and other ancient customs are quite forgotten, the following letter from N. Tulaikov to Dr. and Mrs. O. E. Baker, would indicate:

"In the absorbing process of the Socialist reorganization of agriculture, we are entirely forgetting our old notions concerning Christmas, New Year and other, for us, already ancient survivals of our past.

"The really gigantic constructive work in all the branches of our national economy and the five-day working week which is probably new to you but which has already become part of our everyday life, the work of Socialist emulation in its various forms -- all this forces us to forget our old habits. We have already lost the notion of Christmas holidays and I want to apologize for recalling them only when I received your very kind reminder."

BUREAU NOON HOUR RADIO  
BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The radio program of the Department is broadcast daily, except Sundays, from 12:55 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following members of this Bureau are on the program for the week beginning March 9:

March 9, 12:55 p.m., C. V. Whalin, March Cattle Markets  
 March 10, 1:00 p.m., W. F. Callander, How Much Grain on Farms?  
 March 11, 12:55 p.m., C. A. Burmeister, March Hog Markets  
 1:00 p.m., C. L. Harlan, The March Sheep Situation



STUDENTS FROM UNIVERSITY OF  
MARYLAND VISIT THE BUREAU.

Twenty boys and girls from the University of Maryland, representing an advanced class in marketing, spent a profitable couple of hours in the Bureau on February 24. The group was escorted by Dr. S. H. DeVault, Professor and Specialist in Agricultural Economics of the University. Mr. Marquis discussed the market news work of the Bureau and took the students through several divisions in the Bieber Building. Later they visited the standardization building, where they heard Bureau representatives discuss some of the official standards that have been established for agricultural commodities. H. C. Slade spoke to them about the Universal Cotton Standards, G. S. Meloy, about the Cotton Linters Standards, W. H. Hosterman, about the Hay Standards, and D. F. Christy, about the Wool Standards.

Numerous members of this and other bureaus of the Department from time to time have visited the University of Maryland during the last several years and given Professor DeVault's classes the benefit of instruction in the work of the Department.

REFERENCE LIST TO COTTON  
LITERATURE ENLARGED.

The scope of the publication which the Division of Cotton Marketing issued from July, 1930, to December, 1930, under the title, "Current Literature on Cotton," has recently been enlarged. The original compilation was made by Miss Emily L. Day, from publications received by the Department Library, as a reference list of literature of interest to the Division of Cotton Marketing, because of its direct or indirect bearing upon marketing problems. The publication attracted favorable notice in the Department. As a result, conferences were held between representatives of the Bureau of Plant Industry, the Bureau of Entomology, and this Bureau, and a cooperative arrangement was worked out whereby the publication was extended to include more complete references to literature on cotton culture, cotton diseases, and cotton insect pests. The enlarged compilation is issued under the title, "Cotton Literature."

Under the cooperative agreement between the 3 bureaus, Miss Mildred Benton, Junior Librarian of the Bureau Library, and Miss Rachel Lane, Junior Library Assistant of the Bureau of Plant Industry, have been assigned to assist Miss Day with this work. Miss Ruth Winn of the Division of Cotton Marketing is serving in a stenographic capacity.

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LOUIS A. LAMBERT

Louis A. Lambert, Telegrapher in Seattle, Washington, died from pneumonia in Providence Hospital in that city on February 25 after a brief illness. Mr. Lambert had been in the service of this Bureau since September, 1926, and at various times had been employed in the Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Boise and Seattle offices. His body was taken to Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, for burial.

Mr. Lambert is survived by a widow.

NEW REPORT OF CHICAGO AND NEW YORK LIVESTOCK  
AND MEAT PRICES HAS FINE RECEPTION.

The weekly mimeographed report of livestock and meat prices at Chicago and New York, inaugurated the first of this year, was immediately popular. This report is compiled in the statistical section of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, under the supervision of Miss Edna M. Jordan.

Among the commendatory comments that have been received about the service the following are of interest.

"Every now and then good fortune puts me in contact with some more useful information which your division sends out. I just happened on to a copy of mimeographed sheets which gives the average livestock prices - Chicago, the beef steers sold at Chicago out of first hands for slaughter, wool prices - Boston, the receipts of livestock at 12 markets and the average meat prices - New York and the retail meat prices - New York. \* \* \* It appears to me that this sheet will answer more questions which come up in the minds of the producers than most anything that is now in print." - John T. Caine, III, former member of the Packers and Stockyards Administration and now with The Union Stock Yard and Transit Company, Chicago.

"I wish to commend very highly the very complete and comprehensive price information that is being made available to the public so effectively. This type of information is most essential to all the agencies of the livestock and meat packing industry." - Geo. M. Lewis, Assistant Director, Department of Marketing, Institute of American Meat Packers, Chicago.

"The weekly statistical report, which you are releasing from the Washington office, has been of considerable value to us. We can profitably use many of the data which that release carries. The value of much of the market information collected depends on its prompt release, especially its practical application in a market organization. From an academic and historical standpoint it has value, but the short time variations and changes in conditions are quite important in advising livestock producers and feeders, from day to day." - H. M. Conway, former member of this Bureau and now Director of Research of the National Livestock Marketing Association, Chicago.

Ernest A. Orr, In Charge of the St. Joseph, Mo., office of the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, reports that he has received several commendatory letters in response to the reports which he has mailed out. He writes:

"Ten copies of the report were sent out last week and acknowledgments were received almost immediately. Mr. Greenfield, of the bank, stated that it gave him a great deal of valuable information. Swift & Company's beef man was apparently enthusiastic. He stated that the general manager had seen it and requested to be put on the list. Armour & Company complimented the report by letter. Several others stated that they could make good use of it. Personally, I find it useful as well as very interesting."

B. F. McCarthy, In Charge of the New York office of the division, who has already distributed 25 copies of this report, requests 25 additional copies, and states:

"This is proving a very popular report among executives and students of the industry."



IN CONGRESS:

H. R. 15256 - The Agricultural Appropriation bill for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1932, has been signed by the President.

The Independent Offices Appropriation bill (H.R.16415) has been signed by the President.

The Second Deficiency Bill (H.R.17163) has passed both Houses and has been sent to Conference.

H. R. 7 - by Mr. Haugen, to amend sections \* \* \* of the U. S. Warehouse Act, approved August 11, 1916, has been presented to the President for his signature.

S. 5833 - by Senator McNary, an Act entitled "An act to provide for further development of Agriculture Extension Work between the Agricultural colleges \* \* \* receiving the benefits of the act entitled 'An act donating public lands to the several States and Territories \* \* \*' has been referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

S. Res. 479 - by Mr. Caraway, resolution authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to inform the Senate why the \$20,000,000 appropriated in the Interior Department appropriation bill to be loaned for the relief of farmers in the drought-stricken area has not been made available \* \* \* was agreed to and the preamble was stricken out.

S. Res. 377 - by Mr. Thomas, of Oklahoma, providing for an investigation of the mineral resources of the country as related to farm lands, \* \* \*; was agreed to.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

THE FARM OUTLOOK FOR 1931, the popular statement of facts for farmers gleaned from the national agricultural outlook report, is now available as Mis. Pub. 112. It has 16 pages printed in large open type, with frequent headings. A large edition is coming from the press.

THE RELATIONSHIP OF CERTAIN PERSONAL AND FAMILY INFLUENCES to Operator's Labor Earnings, by W. W. Wilcox of the Division of Farm Management and Costs, has recently been released by the University of Minnesota as Mimeographed Report No. 42. This cooperative project was planned and organized by O. B. Jesness, Andrew Boss, George A. Pond, C. C. Zimmerman of the University of Minnesota and C. L. Holmes and Walter J. Roth of this Bureau. As this study develops and the data secured are analyzed more fully, a more detailed report of the findings will be presented. A limited number of copies of the report are available in the Division of Farm Management and Costs for distribution.

FUNCTIONS OF TOBACCO GRADING SERVICE, reprinted from articles by Chas. E. Gage, In Charge, Tobacco Section, in the issues of the United States Daily of December 24, 26, and 27, 1930, is now available as T.G.S. Cir.-4.

IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending February 27 are:

Gee, Wilson, ed. The country life of the nation, by James E. Boyle, Charles E. Allred [etc] Chapel Hill, The University of North Carolina press, 1930. 214 p. (The University of North Carolina. Social study series) 281.2 G27C

Half-title: The Institute of public affairs the University of Virginia.

Papers presented at the round table on "The country life of the nation" in the Institute of public affairs Univ. of Va., 1929.

Missouri. State Board of agriculture. State marketing bureau. Annual report of the commissioner 1929. [Jefferson city, Mo.] 1930. Mimeographed. 280.39 M69A

Oxford. University. Agricultural economics research institute. Progress in English farming systems. V. A pioneer of progress in farm management [by] C. S. Orwin. Oxford, Clarendon press, 1931. 36 p. 32 Ox2

Shann, Edward. The economic history of Australia... Cambridge, University press, 1930. 456 p. 277 Sh1

Snodgrass, Katharine. Margarine as a butter substitute, Stanford University, Calif., Food research institute, 1930. 333 p. (Leland Stanford junior university. Food research institute. Fats and oils studies, no. 4)

U.S. Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Market research agencies; a guide to publications and activities relating to domestic marketing. 1930 ed. Domestic commerce division. Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1930. 261 p. (Domestic commerce series no. 6) 157.54 D71 no.6

U.S. Congress. Senate. Committee on appropriations. Second deficiency appropriation bill for 1931. Hearings... 71st Cong., 3d sess. on H.R. 17163... Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1931. 73 p. 148.7 Ap62

U. S. Congress. Senate. Committee on interstate commerce. Confirmation of nominees to the Federal power commission. Hearings... 71st Congress, 3d sess. on the confirmation of nominees to the Federal power commission, Dec. 11 and 12, 1930. Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1930. 236 p. 292.4 Un32

U.S. Dept. of the interior. Bureau of education. Land-grant colleges and universities year ended June 30, 1929, by Walter J. Greenleaf. Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1930. 87 p. (Bulletin, 1930, no. 28) 156.3 B87 no.28



HERE AND THERE.

W. A. Sherman, In Charge, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, will address the class in marketing at the University of Maryland today (Tuesday), on "What the Food Buyer Should Remember."

T. B. Manny, Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, is attending a series of district meetings this week of county and State Farm Bureau officials at several points in Ohio. He will discuss with the agricultural leaders at the meetings the results of a survey of membership problems, made recently by this Bureau, Ohio State University, and the Federal Farm Board in cooperation with the Farm Bureau Federation itself. He will also obtain from those present a summary of any recent changes since the field work on the survey was completed, that should be included in the final report on the project to be issued later this year.

L. M. Billman, Warehouse Division, is spending a month in the field, inspecting canned foods warehouses licensed under the U. S. Warehouse Act, in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Michigan and Illinois.

Henry T. Wingate, representing the Bureau as Agent at Parksley, Va., is expected to arrive in Washington today (Tuesday) for conferences with officials of the Division of Farm Management and Costs regarding the tabulation of data resulting from an economic study of early potato production in eastern Virginia.

We report with regret the absence of Dr. O. C. Stine, In Charge, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, on account of illness. Dr. Stine had a relapse following a recent tonsil operation and as a result has been forced to be away from the office for the last week.

Meade T. Foster, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, left Washington February 25 for Chicago, Ill., Kansas City, Mo., and Fort Worth, Tex., to conduct cattle grading demonstrations and to grade cattle and their carcasses in connection with the quality meat study that the division is now making.

H. W. Hawthorne, Division of Farm Management and Costs, left Washington Sunday for Tennessee where he will assist State economic workers in analyzing data from farm business studies which have been made in several localities in the State and in outlining the farm management part of a project for an economic and educational study to be conducted in Loudon county.

The Bureau's wool utilization exhibit which received so much favorable notice when placed at several exhibitions throughout the country last year, will be set up at the convention of the Michigan Retail Clothiers' Association in Detroit, March 2, 3 and 4. James W. Christie of the Wool Section will be in charge of the exhibit.

The Tobacco Section will move to 215 - 8th Street, S. W., some time this week. This move will bring together the entire unit, which has been occupying offices at 221 Linworth Place and at 300 Linworth Place, S. W., because space for its use has not been available in one building until now.

A bill providing for a 4-hour work day on Saturdays throughout the year for Government employees was passed by Congress on March 2 and is in the hands of President Hoover today, March 3, for signature. The bill affects all Government employees of both the Federal and District Governments, except those in the field service of the Interior Department and employees in the Panama Canal Zone in the postal service.

E. G. Boerner, Grain Investigations, has been asked to work with a committee organized by C. W. Warburton, Director of Extension, in connection with the nutrition work in which the Extension Service and the Bureau of Home Economics has been cooperating with the Red Cross and the Public Health Service. This small committee will make contacts with the mill and wholesale grocery trade on preparing or mixing grain products for proper nutritional values for use in the drought areas.

R. W. Webb is making a trip this week for the purpose of conferring with representatives of the Division of Cotton Marketing, of which he is a member, and members of the Bureau of Public Roads, stationed at Stoneville, Miss., as well as with State officials, regarding the investigations of cotton ginning being conducted by the Department at the experimental ginning plant recently installed at that point. Mr. Webb will also go to Clemson College, S. C., in order to confer with division representatives and State officials regarding a cooperative spinning research project.

M. C. Romberger, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, is making a 10-day trip to Youngstown and Girard, Ohio, where he is conferring with members of the trade in connection with the grade standards on hides and skins.

W. H. Steinbauer is being transferred to Washington for work on the Produce Agency and Perishable Agricultural Commodities Acts. He is expected to arrive here this week. For several years Mr. Steinbauer has been in charge of the inspection office of the Division of Fruits and Vegetables at Boston. Prior to that he was assigned to the New York office. He came to the Department from the Pennsylvania State Department of Agriculture.

Miss Dorothy Nickerson, Color Technologist, presented two papers at a symposium held under the auspices of the Optical Society of America, on February 26 at the Museum of Science and Industry, and on February 27 at Columbia University. One of her subjects was "A Colorimeter for Use with Disc Mixtures;" the other, "Color Measurement in Psychological Terms." Miss Leona E. Dilworth, Division of Cotton Marketing, also was in New York City last week and assisted in demonstrating the division's exhibition of color measurement of cotton, hay, and other agricultural products.

"To a youthful co-worker" was the line which accompanied a bouquet presented to Mrs. Alice Stevens on her birthday February 26 by the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool. Mrs. Stevens is one of the most youthful members of the Bureau staff from the point of activity and interest in and enthusiasm for life, in spite of the fact that she has reached retirement age and is now working under an extension of appointment.

A B C D Goldfish? If Abie hasn't seen them, who has? George T. Willingmyre, In Charge, Wool Section, has lost a bowl of rare goldfish from his office. Where was Mr. Willingmyre when the fish stepped out? Wool gathering?



# THE B. A. E. NEWS

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## BUREAU SENDS REPRESENTATIVES TO MEETING OF LEADERS OF DAIRY INDUSTRY.

Mr. Olsen and six other members of this Bureau left Washington Monday for Saint Louis to attend a meeting on Wednesday and Thursday of leaders of the dairy industry who are considering general problems in the advancement of the industry. The work of the Department in relation to the dairy industry will be discussed by Mr. Olsen, Dr. John R. Mohler, Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, and Mr. O. E. Reed, Chief of the Bureau of Dairy Industry. Representatives of this Bureau, including C. L. Holmes, L. M. Davis, E. E. Gaumnitz, John B. Shepard, Walter H. Ebling, and E. E. Vial, as well as other representatives of the Department, will take part in round table discussions which will be held.

The Bureau has prepared a special report on the outlook for the dairy industry with statistics showing shifts in the industry, for the use of this conference. This report contains rotoprints of about 42 charts which were drawn by R. H. Hainsworth of the Graphics Section during the last week and reproduced in the Photographic Laboratory. This publication is not yet ready for general distribution, but will be revised.

## BROOM AND BROOMCORN STANDARDS COORDINATED.

The organization of the Broom Institute, Incorporated, was completed at a meeting of broom manufacturers in New York last week and standards for brooms were adopted. The standards adopted described the broomcorn to be used in the various grades of brooms in terms of the United States standards for broomcorn recommended by this Department. The Broom Institute has been organized as a subsidiary of the National Standards Council for the purpose of promoting the use of brooms and the making of brooms of standard quality. Standard brooms manufactured by members of the Broom Institute will bear the National Standards Council label and compliance with the standards will be enforced by the Council.

The adoption of United States standards for broomcorn by the broom manufacturers is the result of several years' work by Messrs. Wheeler, Alguire and Seeds of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division. The final effort was made at a meeting of the organizers of the Broom Institute at the Bureau of Standards in January, 1931, where the representatives of this Bureau were ably assisted by representatives of the Bureau of Home Economics.

## MR. CALLANDER MEETS ALMOST CONSTANT RAIN ON TRIP IN SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST.

W. F. Callander, In Charge, Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, who has been traveling for the last month in the interest of the division

work, principally in the South and Southwest, returned to Washington early last week. With the exception of Illinois where he went first on his trip, Mr. Callander reports that he encountered rain almost constantly. Early in February, in the southern half of Illinois, he saw many farmers plowing; some were seeding oats, and others planting potatoes. The stock were all out in the corn fields. It was the general opinion throughout the Central West that the mild winter had had a marked effect in relieving the feed shortage.

While in Texas, Mr. Callander was requested to appear before several agricultural committees in connection with a bill that had been introduced to provide for an annual census of agriculture through the local assessors. This bill is strongly supported by agricultural leaders of the State, and while it may not pass at the present session because of the expense involved, Mr. Callander thinks it altogether likely that it will eventually be passed.

At Yoakum, Texas, Mr. Callander attended a gathering of business men and farmers and had a conference with agricultural leaders in connection with their program for planting early tomatoes. The growing of tomatoes on a large scale is a new industry in the area surrounding Yoakum and there is considerable danger at the present time that it will be overdone. More than 500 cars of tomatoes were shipped from this area last spring. Mr. Callander presented the whole situation with respect to competing areas to the local county agents. They will use this information in their program for spring work.

Mr. Callander also visited the Agricultural College at College Station, Texas, and held a conference with extension leaders. He completed arrangements at Las Cruces, N. M., to move the New Mexico office of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates to the Agricultural College at Mesilla Park, near Las Cruces.

At Baton Rouge, La., Mr. Callander spent a day conferring with representatives of the Extension Service and others concerning cooperation. The College is interested in having the crop reporting office moved to the College from New Orleans.

Mr. Callander visited the Georgia office, which has recently been moved to Athens from Atlanta. The College has furnished excellent quarters, and with the additional clerical and other help which it has made available, it will be possible to considerably expand the work during this year.

#### BROOMCORN DEMONSTRATIONS

##### DELAYED BY SNOW STORMS.

G. B. Alguire of the Kansas City office of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, went to Tucumcari, New Mexico, on February 28 for the purpose of holding demonstrations of the broomcorn standards at that point for a period of about 2 weeks beginning March 2. The demonstrations are planned for the benefit of New Mexico producers and in order to train several men to act as Federal-State inspectors in New Mexico for the 1931 crop. The Washington office of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division is now in receipt of advice from Mr. Alguire that the territory around Tucumcari has had the worst snow storm it has had for years. Eighteen inches of snow fell there on Saturday and Sunday, February 28 and March 1, the result being that all the roads in that country are practically impassable. Mr. Alguire and A. L. Hamilton, the County Agent at Tucumcari, are planning to begin the school as soon as the roads are open. It is hoped that the delay will not affect attendance, which preliminary reports had indicated would be exceedingly good.



MINERAL RESOURCES AS RELATED TO  
FARM LANDS TO BE INVESTIGATED.

Senate Resolution 377, passed February 26, 1931, requests the Secretary of Agriculture to investigate through the agency of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics the mineral resources of the country as related to farm lands, both as to the extent and as to the value of such resources as a farm asset. Such findings are to be reported to the Senate with recommendations for any legislation which may be deemed practicable and desirable to encourage cooperation among farmers, with a view to the more efficient use of such resources as assets. The Division of Land Economics has been assigned the task of preparing a preliminary report to present to the next session of Congress.

NEW YORK FOOD MARKETING RESEARCH  
COUNCIL TO HOLD QUARTERLY MEETING.

The New York Marketing Research Council will hold its quarterly meeting in New York City on March 20 at a place to be announced later. The meeting will be conducted as an open forum for the discussion of the subject, "The Consumption of Milk in the Metropolitan New York Area." The falling off by 7000 cans a day in the consumption of milk in the New York metropolitan area, prompted Earl R. French, Executive Secretary of the Council, to devote the meeting to a consideration of this subject. An authority on public health and representatives of the producers and of the trade will be on the program.

PERIODIC REQUISITIONS TO BE  
MADE TO EFFECT SAVINGS.

The Business Manager of the Bureau calls attention to the considerable saving that could be effected in the transportation of supplies to field offices from the Washington stock rooms if the offices would arrange to place requisitions at less frequent intervals. It is suggested that on the first day of each quarter year, (January 1, April 1, etc.), that a check be made of the supplies needed for the ensuing three-month period and a requisition placed to cover so far as possible the complete requirements of the office for that period. A number of offices have been following this plan for some time with success. It will then be possible to make shipments by freight at a considerable saving over the cost of several small lots of supplies by express or parcel post. Requisitions for Pacific Coast and Gulf Coast points should be placed far enough in advance to allow shipment by water. The water rate from Washington to Los Angeles is \$1.20 a hundred pounds, with a minimum of \$3.00 per shipment, as compared with \$11.65 per hundred for shipments by express and \$3.93 per hundred for all rail shipments. The saving in transportation costs to other Western points bears a similar comparison. There would also be a considerable saving in packing and boxing expense as well as labor in the stock rooms by having numerous small requisitions for supplies combined in one large order. It is requested that all field offices give this matter their very serious attention.

CHANGES IN ASSIGNMENT  
INCIDENT TO P.A.C. WORK.

The Fruit and Vegetable Division announces the following changes in assignment and location of personnel due to the expansion of the work under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act and the establishment of several new inspection offices. The list must be regarded as partially tentative, because some of the men cannot move immediately and unforeseen circumstances may force changes of plan in one or two cases.

In addition to W. H. Steinbauer, whose transfer from Boston to Washington was announced last week, W. G. Lensen is being transferred from the Detroit market news office to an Associate Marketing Specialist position in the administration of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, with headquarters in Washington. W. F. Plummer of New Haven, Conn., is succeeding Mr. Steinbauer in Boston, and R. W. Tyson of New York City is expected to succeed Mr. Plummer in New Haven.

A new inspection office is being opened at Des Moines. R. C. Lindstrom will be transferred from Chicago to that point. The new inspection office to be opened at Tulsa, Okla., will be in charge of R. B. Landrum, who will be transferred from New York City. An inspection office is to be opened at Dallas, Tex., and A. H. Polster, now in Cincinnati, will take this post. The inspection office to be established at Birmingham, Ala., has been offered to W. W. Anderson of the New York City staff. It is planned to reopen the Louisville, Ky., office as a joint office for Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act and inspection work. A request has been made for the re-instatement of T. C. Curry, formerly in charge of the division's work in Atlanta, to take charge at Louisville. He is expected to report for duty soon after March 15.

BUREAU NOON HOUR RADIO  
BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The radio program of the Department is broadcast daily, except Sundays, from 12:55 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. Dr. O. C. Stine, In Charge, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, is the only Bureau member on the program for the week beginning March 16. Dr. Stine will appear on the program on March 16 at 1:00 p.m., for a discussion of "The Price Situation."

TWO EXAMINATIONS ANNOUNCED FOR  
CROP AND LIVESTOCK ESTIMATOR.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations for the positions of Associate Crop and Livestock Estimator and Assistant Crop and Livestock Estimator. Applications for entrance to these examinations must be on file with the Commission not later than April 8. Entrance salaries for Associate Crop and Livestock Estimator range from \$3200 to \$3800 a year; those for the assistant grade range from \$2600 to \$3200 a year.

Competitors will not be required to report for examination at any place, but will be rated on their education, experience, and fitness, and on a thesis or published writing. Certain specified education and experience is required. Full information in this connection can be obtained from the announcement, copies of which are in the Personnel Section.



MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU DURING FEBRUARY.

The following manuscripts were submitted to the Division of Publications during February:

Farm Outlook for 1931. For Mis. Pub. 112. (Already received.)

Bercaw, Louise O.: Rural standards of living: A selected bibliography. For Miscellaneous Publication.

Hannay, A. M.: Influence of weather on crops: A selected and annotated bibliography. For Miscellaneous Publication.

Official standards for grades of lamb carcasses, yearling mutton, and mutton carcasses. For S. R. A. 123.

The following articles have been approved for publication in the periodicals named:

Baker, O. E.: Book review: Food supply and raw materials in Japan, by E. F. Penrose. For Journal of Farm Economics.

Becker, J. A.: Statistical research in Div. of Crop and Livestock Estimates. For United States Daily.

Booker, G. F.: Field seed summary. For Seed World.

Davis, W. C.: Are retailers getting greatest benefits from U. S. graded and stamped beef? For Butchers and Packers Advocate.

Davis, W. C.: Some sidelights on Uncle Sam's beef grading service. For the Cattleman.

Edwards, E. E.: Book review: The range cattle industry, by E. E. Dale. For Agricultural History.

Edwards, E. E.: Book review: Albrecht Thaer, by Walter Simons. For Agricultural History.

Egan, John T.: Fieldman's viewpoint of grade and staple estimates. For Bureau of Business Research, Univ. of Texas.

Ellerbrock, C. M.: Steaks that satisfy bear U. S. stamp. For International Steward.

Englund, Eric: Why farmers want tax relief. For Bureau Farmer.

Gray, L. C.: The law of supply and demand in agriculture. For Inter-Ocean Syndicate.

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- Hultgren, T.: Biographical note on James Fisk. For Encyclopedia of Social Sciences.
- Palmer, A. W.: Methods of making grade and staple differences for cotton delivered on future contracts. For Cotton Trade Journal.
- Sherman, C. B.: Our farm life fiction. For Journal of Farm Economics.
- Slocum, R. R.: Magnitude of the poultry industry. For Reliable Poultry Journal.
- Spillman, W. J.: Snapping out of the depression. For Country Gentleman.
- Stine, O. C.: What agricultural products had we best export? For Journal of Farm Economics.
- Wall, N. J.: Country banking conditions. For American Bankers Association Journal.
- Waugh, F. V.: The New England agricultural outlook conference. For Journal of Farm Economics.
- Wheeler, L. A.: Imports of fresh fruit and vegetables into the United States from Latin America. For Pan-American Union Bulletin.

#### IN CONGRESS:

The Second Deficiency Bill which was signed by the President on March 4, contains an item of \$75,000 for supervising the work of Cotton classers licensed under the Cotton Standards Act.

It carries an item of \$34,273 also for this Bureau to cover salary adjustments under the Brookhart Act.

Other bills which were signed by the President were the following:

- S. 471 - providing for a Saturday half holiday for certain government employees.
- H. R. 7 - Amending the United States Warehouse Act.
- H. R. 16836- Amending the "Act defining butter, also imposing a tax upon and regulating the manufacture, sale, importation, and exportation of oleomargarine."
- S. Res. 483- by Mr. Wagner, providing for a commission to make a study of the unemployment-insurance systems in use by private interests in the United States\*\*\* was adopted by the Senate, and a committee was appointed.

#### DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS FOR CLERK, STENOGRAPHER AND TYPIST.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces examinations to be held in Washington, D. C., only to test the qualifications of applicants for promotion to the following classes of positions in the Departmental Service: Junior Clerk; Under Clerk; Junior File Clerk; Under File Clerk; Junior Stenographer; Junior Typist.

Complete information as to the requirements for admission to the examinations and their nature is contained in the announcement, copy of which may be consulted in the Personnel Section.



IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending March 6 are:

Brazil. Ministerio da agricultura, industria e commercio, Directoria de povoamento. Os serviços de povoamento. Rio de Janeiro, Typ. do Serviço de informacoes do Ministerio da agriculture, 1930. 8 p. 282.2 R47.

Erdman, Henry Ernest. Graphic outlines of market structure. [Berkeley, Calif., University of California, 1930] 23p. Mimeographed. 280.3 Er2G.

Foreman, C. J. Efficiency and scarcity profits; an economic and legal analysis of the residual surplus... Chicago, University of Chicago press [1930] 343 p. (Materials for the study of business) 280 F76.

Gt. Brit. Ministry of agriculture and fisheries. Economic series no. 22. Report on the marketing of dairy produce in England and Wales. Pt. 1 Cheese... London, H. M. Stationery off., 1930. 153 p. 280.9 G792.

India. Indian central cotton committee. The present position of the research schemes of the Indian Central cotton committee. Bombay, G. Claridge & co., ltd., 1930. 18 p. 72 In25p.

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March, L. Les principes de la méthode statistique avec quelques applications aux sciences naturelles et à la science de affaires ... Paris, F. Alcan, 1930. 807 p. 251 M33.

Radetzki, Werner. Die inländischen landwirtschaftlichen wanderarbeiter Deutschlands. Breslau, 1930. 160 p. Inaug. diss. Breslau. 283 R11.

Rhodes, E. L. Voluntary chains as distributors of meats and other perishable foods. 1. Purchasing methods. 2. Advertising and merchandising... Chicago, Ill. [1930] 34 p. (Chicago. University. Bureau of business and economic research. Studies in the packing industry [no.5]) 50.9 C432.

Weissenberger, Otto. Der existenzkampf der deutschen landwirtschaft ... Berlin, W. Christians, 1930. 54 p. 281.175 W43.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, originally issued as S. R. A. 93 of this Bureau, have now been issued in revised form, carrying the same series number, and will be suitable for use in connection with the newer acts as well as in connection with the regular inspection service. That part which related to inspection of hay and related products has been eliminated.

DAIRY AND POULTRY MARKET STATISTICS, 1930 Annual Summary, collected and compiled by the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, are now available in a 30-page mimeographed report.

FARMERS' RESPONSE TO PRICE IN THE PRODUCTION OF FLAX, a preliminary report by F. F. Elliott, formerly of this Bureau, and Oris V. Wells, Division of Farm Management and Costs, contains 33 pages of text, tables and charts. This analysis is first carried through for the United States acreage as a whole and then broken down and developed for the four important flax States, namely, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Montana.

PRODUCTION AND CARRY-OVER OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLE Containers for the Year 1930, a compilation by Miss Gladys Burrows under the direction of L. C. Carey, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, has just been released. The tables presented give the production and carry over of fruit and vegetable baskets for 1930 as reported to this bureau by cooperating manufacturers.

WHAT AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS HAD WE BEST EXPORT? the address of Dr. O. C. Stine, In Charge, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, before the Twenty-first annual meeting of the American Farm Economic Association, Cleveland, Ohio, December 31, 1930, has been mimeographed for the information of those interested.

THE PERISHABLE AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES ACT, 1930, the address of F. G. Robb, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, before the meeting of the Western Fruit Jobbers' Association of America, Phoenix, Ariz., January 15, 1931, also is now available for distribution.

THE REDUCED FEED SUPPLY AND ITS RELATION TO THE LIVESTOCK OUTLOOK, a report by Gerald B. Thorne, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, has been mimeographed and may be obtained from the Division of Economic Information upon request. In addition to 10 pages of text and tables, 5 line charts are included, showing feed grain and hay disappearance, the number of animal units, and beef steer prices.

TWO ANNUAL REVIEWS, one covering butter markets and another covering American cheese markets, have just been issued by the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products. They touch on the high spots of the markets during the year and contain curves showing price relationships, changes in market conditions, and storage holdings.

STANDARDS FOR THE GRADING AND MARKETING OF BROOMCORN, recommended by this Bureau, are defined in a recent mimeograph release of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division.



HERE AND THERE.

Dr. L. C. Gray and C. F. Clayton, Division of Land Economics, will attend the Nineteenth Annual Conference of Southern Mountain Workers, to be held at Knoxville, Tennessee, March 24, 25 and 26. Dr. Gray will deliver an address on "The Cooperative Survey of the Southern Appalachians: A Statement of Objectives and Report of Progress." Many of those who will attend the meeting are interested, either directly or indirectly, in the Southern Appalachian project, and Dr. Gray and Mr. Clayton while in Knoxville will be enabled to hold several necessary conferences in connection with plans for this project.

H. J. Besley, In Charge, Grain Division, left Washington March 8 for Chicago and Minneapolis. In Chicago he is conferring with field officers of the division and officials of the United States Grain Stabilization Corporation regarding the proposed transfer of stocks and the exportation of wheat looking forward to the new crop movement. In Minneapolis he is arranging for the adjustment of personnel assignments in the local office.

Robert W. Webb, Division of Cotton Marketing, will participate in a meeting of the American Society for Testing Materials, to be held in New York City, March 12 and 13. Mr. Webb is a member of 5 sub-committees of the Society, namely, the Raw Cotton, Cotton Yarns and Thread, Methods, Machines, and Humidity Committees.

Reginald B. Tolson will report in the Omaha, Nebraska, office of the Warehouse Division on March 11 as Assistant Examiner in Grain Warehousing. He will work under the supervision of W. H. Holliday, who is in charge of the division's work in Nebraska, western Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. Mr. Tolson was employed for 7 years as inspector in the Missouri State Grain Inspection Department. He worked for the Marshall Hall Grain Company as elevator superintendent for 1 year and 8 months, and in the same capacity for the Trans-Mississippi Grain Company for nearly 4 years. From July, 1919, to June, 1930, Mr. Tolson served this Bureau as grain sampler.

Dr. W. J. Spillman, Division of Farm Management and Costs, reports a very spirited meeting at Huntingdon, Penn., recently, between county agents, 20 farmers, and members of the Kiwanis and the Rotary Clubs. A total of 125 were in attendance. The meeting was called by Dr. F. A. McKenzie, Sociologist at Juniata College, as a part of his program for improving the relations between the town and the country. Dr. Spillman's speech on "Relation of City Prosperity to Rural Prosperity" dealt somewhat with the recent lack of prosperity on the farm, the reasons for it, and what must be done to improve conditions. He stressed the fact that farm prosperity is the basis of rural town prosperity.

George Butterworth, Division of Cotton Marketing, has been seriously ill for the last two weeks, we are sorry to report.

R. R. Pailthorp and R. L. Spangler, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, were in Dover, Delaware, last Thursday and talked with members of the State Department of Agriculture and several canners regarding the possibility of canners buying tomatoes on the basis of the United States grades and of having each load inspected this season.

Charles L. Harlan, Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, and C. A. Burmeister, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, at the request of the Federal Farm Board, will attend a meeting of the Livestock Advisory Committee to the Federal Farm Board, March 10-12, in Chicago. They will be prepared to discuss with the committee the outlook for different species of livestock during next year. Messrs. Harlan and Burmeister expect also to attend sessions of the meeting of the National Livestock Marketing Association which will be held in Chicago at that time. Mr. Burmeister will return by way of Columbus, Ohio, for the purpose of conferring with representatives of the State Experiment Station on research work in the direct marketing of hogs.

Two new members were added to the staff of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division on March 2: Edgar V. Gipson, Assistant Marketing Specialist, and Judson A. Thompson, Junior Agronomist. Mr. Gipson will help to conduct the grain, hay and feed market news service work in the Denver, Colorado, branch office, and Mr. Thompson will assist with laboratory research work in bean and soybean standardization in the Washington, D. C., office.

Announcement of the engagement of Ronald E. Betts and Miss Eula Adkins is the topic of much interest in the Division of Cotton Marketing, of which Mr. Betts is a member. Miss Adkins is employed in the Census Bureau in this city.

C. E. Eckles, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, will go to Pittsburgh, Penn., Wednesday to spend four or five weeks in making a survey of the possibilities of establishing a grading service on dairy and poultry products in that city.

Mrs. Florence O. Thomas, Division of Farm Management and Costs, returned on Monday from a motor trip to Florida. She has been on vacation for the last 3 weeks.

M. H. Hess, Division of Hay, Feed and Seed, left Washington March 9 for points in Virginia where he will spend several days checking records and stocks of verified-origin seed dealers and obtaining information and seed samples of verified-origin seed from retail seed dealers. Later he will make additional trips for the purpose of conducting this work in Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York.

Mr. Hess took a "flying" trip to Philadelphia last Monday to examine the records and stocks of verified-origin seed dealers. He returned by rail.

Dr. Carlton P. Barnes, Division of Land Economics, is receiving the congratulations of his co-workers on the arrival of a son, John Carlton, born March 5.

Lloyd M. Short is working in the Bureau, preparing a monograph about the Bureau's work for the Institute of Government Research. Some 62 of this series of monographs have already been published, each dealing with some branch of the Government service.



# THE B. A. E. NEWS

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## MR. ENGLUND HEADS AGRICULTURAL SECTION OF WAR POLICIES COMMISSION.

Secretary Hyde has designated Mr. Englund to head an Agricultural Section of the Secretariat of the War Policies Commission. This Commission was created by the passage of H. J. Res. 251 on June 27, 1930, which reads:

"That a commission is hereby created to study and consider amending the Constitution of the United States to provide that private property may be taken by Congress for public use during war and methods of equalizing the burdens and to remove the profits of war, together with a study of policies to be pursued in event of war. The commission shall report definite recommendations to the President of the United States to be by him transmitted to the Congress not later than the first Monday in December, 1931, together with copies of its proceedings and hearings and to report if, in their opinion, any constitutional amendment be necessary to accomplish the purposes desired: Provided, That said commission shall not consider and shall not report upon the conscription of labor."

An explanatory statement, accompanying a letter from Robert H. Montgomery, Executive Secretary of the War Policies Commission, in confirmation of Mr. Englund's appointment, reads in part:

"The task of the Commission may \*\*\* be stated as the development of a comprehensive and concrete plan under which the Nation's vital needs could be met in war, in such a manner that profiteering would be impossible, at least be reduced to the minimum - and which would require from all citizens and from every material thing contributions in accordance with principles of justice and equity."

The War Policies Commission is composed of four Members of the Senate (David A. Reed, Arthur H. Vandenberg, Joseph T. Robinson and Claude A. Swanson); four Members of the House of Representatives (Lindley H. Hadley, William P. Holaday, Ross A. Collins and John J. McSwain); Secretary of War, Patrick J. Hurley; Secretary of the Navy, Charles F. Adams; Secretary of Agriculture, Arthur M. Hyde; Secretary of Commerce, Robert P. Lamont; Secretary of Labor, William N. Doak; and Attorney General, William DeWitt Mitchell.

## BUREAU NOON HOUR RADIO BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The radio program of the Department is broadcast daily, except Sundays, from 12:55 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following members of this Bureau are on the program for the week beginning March 23:

March 25, 1:00 p.m., G. A. Collier, March Grain Markets

March 26, 1:00 p.m., L. M. Davis, March Dairy Markets.

Louis Feen,  
Bur. of Agr'l Economics,  
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture,  
Washington, D. C.

AGRICULTURAL APPROPRIATIONACT FOR 1932.

The Agricultural Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1932 carries increases for this Bureau amounting to \$671,621 over the appropriation for the current year. It should be noted, however, that of this amount \$100,000 is to be immediately available for the enforcement of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act and that the increase for the Foreign Agricultural Service is offset by the fact that \$170,000 has been made available by the Federal Farm Board for the current year.

In addition, an appropriation of \$75,000 is carried in the Second Deficiency Act available for 1931 and 1932, for supervision of cotton classing.

A summary of the appropriations of the Bureau follows:

Item	Appro. 1931	Brookhart		Total Approp. 1932
		Act Adjust- ment	Increase for new work	
General Administrative Expenses.....	\$ 286,000	\$ 4,030		\$ 290,030
Farm Management and Practice.....	464,090(a)	3,120	13,550	480,760
Marketing & Dist. Farm Products.....	871,800(b)	5,540	22,660	900,000
Crop and Livestock Estimates.....	797,000	7,120	-	804,120
Foreign Agricultural Service.....	153,000*	480	229,900	383,380*
Market Inspection of Farm Products..	525,000	4,635	50,391	580,026
Market News Service.....	1,385,000	6,920	106,100	1,498,020
Cotton Statistics.....	420,000	-	-	420,000
Tobacco Stocks and Standards.....	25,000	-	-	25,000
Perishable Agri. Commodities Act.....	50,000(c)		300,000	350,000**
Enf. Cotton Futures & Cotton Standards Acts.....	234,500	2,060	-	236,560
Enforcement of Grain Standards Act..	840,000(d)	10,040	10,000	860,040
Administration of U.S. Warehouse Act	294,980(e)	1,200	16,020	312,200
Enf. of Standard Container, Hamper and Produce Agency Acts.....	45,000	-	-	45,000
Completion of Wool Work.....	8,000	-	- 2,000	6,000
Wool Marketing Studies.....	50,000			50,000
Operation of Center Market.....	75,000(c)		-75,000	-
Total of Bureau.....	\$6,524,370	\$45,145	\$671,621	\$7,241,136

(a) Includes \$40,000 for Special Corn Borer research.

(b) Includes \$20,000 unexpended balance 1929 reappropriated 1931 and \$35,000 provided by Second Deficiency Act, 1930, for Cotton Ginning investigations.

(c) Provided by Second Deficiency Act, 1930.

(d) Includes \$15,000 of unexpended balance 1929, reappropriated 1931.

(e) Includes \$15,000 of unexpended balance 1929, and \$38,980 carried in First Deficiency Act 1931.

\* The appropriation for the Foreign Agricultural Service is supplemented during the current year by \$170,000, transfer from Federal Farm Board.

\*\* \$100,000 available in 1931.



IDAHO FARMERS ESTIMATE THEIR  
COSTS AT OUTLOOK MEETINGS.

An innovation in the holding of outlook meetings with farmers was introduced in the meetings held during the week of February 23 in the potato sections of Idaho, according to Louis H. Bean. Mr. Bean discussed the present potato situation and the outlook for acreage production and prices in the fall of 1931, and H. E. Drobish, Secretary of the Pacific Northwest Potato Committee, by whom the meetings were called, discussed the application of the outlook to Idaho conditions.

Mr. Drobish asked individual farmers at the meetings what their different cost items were, that is, for seed, planting, harvesting, etc. Out of these estimates furnished by the group approximate average costs for the community were determined. These average costs were then compared with the current prices and with the price prospects for 1931. Individual growers were urged to study their own costs in relation to these rough estimates for the community, and to take into account the prospects for potatoes, sugar beets, and other competing crops, before they made their final plans for the 1931 potato crop.

At each of the meetings the growers were very much interested in developing these cost items. Messrs. Drobish and Bean believe that the advantage of this procedure is that it brought the problem of cost of production to the growers' attention in a practical and tangible way. It also brought out certain cost items to which growers ordinarily do not pay attention. The different practices among farmers were discussed, which Mr. Bean thinks was enlightening to the individual planter.

LIVESTOCK GRADE STANDARDS  
EXHIBIT HELD IN THE BUREAU.

An exhibit, having for its purpose the demonstration of the various methods used in presenting livestock grade standards, was held in the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool several days last week. The exhibit included colored posters issued by the division for slaughter steers, heifers, cows and hogs; transparencies illustrating classes and grades of slaughter sheep and lambs, and their carcasses, and live vealers and calves; photographs illustrating the standards for 6 grades of spring lambs, a similar number of mature lambs, and of lamb carcasses; and 8 models illustrating 3 types and 6 grades of slaughter hogs, made of plaster of Paris, hand painted.

C. E. Gibbons, who arranged the exhibit, explained to visitors the various steps in the evolution of the standards and the methods of presenting them. He stated that the standards began with printed word descriptions, which were followed by photographs, both colored and uncolored, then by transparencies, and finally by models. The models have been found to be by all odds the most effective way of presenting the standards, inasmuch as they display 3 dimensions, whereas photographs use only 2, and the written word does not always convey an exact picture, since it depends for success upon the individual interpretation, which must be based upon previous ex-

perience and observation.

Among the models exhibited were 8 hand painted plaster of Paris models, made up by Mrs. Justina A. Warner, illustrating 3 types and 6 grades of slaughter hogs, 2 wax models, one of a common grade hog and the other of a Guernsey cow, made by Louis Jonas, a New York sculptor, and 2 large hand painted cast-iron models of a Holstein cow and bull, presented to the Department by the Holstein-Freisian Association of America. These latter models typify the ideal type of cow as adopted by the Association. There were also models of dogs and horses, cast in white metal in several finishes, which illustrated the possibility of presenting detail and also the relative durability of that metal compared with the plaster of Paris now used in the hog models.

The exhibit was viewed by Mr. Kitchen and Mr. Englund and most of the standardization specialists of the Bureau. Since Mr. Olsen was out of the city last week it is hoped that the exhibit can be set up again this week in his office so that he can inspect it.

#### NEW ENGLAND RADIO PROGRAM REACHES LARGE AUDIENCE.

With the adoption of higher power by Station WBZ, by which the New England radio news service is broadcast by E. J. Rowell, better reception is reported by farmers in outlying localities. Mr. Rowell represents the Bureau and the 6 New England States in Boston.

Governor Winant of New Hampshire is scheduled to speak on March 25, by remote control, from his executive office in Concord. A number of important special programs have been arranged by Mr. Rowell, including one at the time of the recent New England outlook report. His weekly program includes as guest speakers farm paper editors, commissioners of agriculture, directors of markets, and many other officials of New England organizations. This program serves for New England from Boston in a similar way to the service of the National Broadcasting Company for the country as a whole from Washington. The National Farm and Home Hour immediately follows the New England broadcast, which begins at 12:05.

Whenever Bureau workers are planning in advance to be in Boston, Mr. Rowell would be glad to be advised of their trips. If there is a special subject which should be presented in New England, Mr. Marquis should be advised, so that he can arrange with Mr. Rowell for time for a short broadcast.

#### HEARING ON GRAIN INSPECTION TO BE HELD IN THE BUREAU.

A public hearing in connection with the Federal inspection of grain in interstate commerce, where there are no licensed inspectors at either shipping point or destination, has been called by Mr. Olsen. The hearing will be held in Washington, D.C., in Room 411 of the Bieber Building, beginning at 10:00 a. m., April 7.



TEXAS GRAIN GRADING SCHOOLS  
HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL.

Three grain grading schools, with a total attendance of 365 grain producers and dealers, were held at Sequin, New Braunfels and Pearsall, Texas, on February 5, 6 and 7, 1931. These schools were organized by the San Antonio Grain and Hay Exchange, and were conducted in cooperation with the Extension Division of the Texas A. & M. College, grain merchants, millers, county farm agents, local chambers of commerce, and the Educational Committee of Federal Grain Supervision, this Bureau.

Instruction concerning the Federal grain grades was given by Supervisor E. L. Morris of the Grain Division. District Supervisor C. W. Griffin discussed the supervision of grading at the Texas markets and the market demand for high grade grain. Supervisor J. R. Holmes and Chief Inspector J. F. Shanley, of the San Antonio Grain and Hay Exchange, demonstrated moisture testing, dockage, test weight per bushel, and other grading factors. This Department's motion picture film illustrating the harvesting, inspection and grading of grain was also shown. R. R. Reppert, Texas Extension Agronomist, talked on insect control in stored grain, and E. A. Miller, Extension Agronomist, on "Corn Production."

A large quantity of corn of high numerical grade is produced in the territory around San Antonio. It is harvested with a low moisture content, but much of this corn is graded mixed because of lemon yellow kernels in the white corn and is therefore frequently discounted in the terminal markets as much as 5 cents a bushel. This entirely preventable factor was stressed by the Extension Agronomists and the Federal Marketing Specialists. As a result of these meetings many letters have been received from the officials of the organizations who cooperated in this work, expressing extreme satisfaction with the results and saying that much was accomplished at these schools to convince the producers of the economic loss caused by preventable factors which reduce the value and price of their grain.

These schools were conducted in accordance with the plans and policy of the Grain Division of this Bureau for making the Federal grain standards effective at country points, and thus assuring to producers of grain of good and superior quality the premiums and prices which this grain brings in the terminal markets. This educational work is not only of benefit to producers but is of material assistance in the more efficient administration of the United States Grain Standards Act in that it tends to bring about a more general and uniform application of the Federal standards and consequently more efficient and economical marketing.

TRANSFER OF  
PROPERTY ACCOUNTS.

The attention of all field men who are responsible for Government property charged to their offices is called to the necessity of each, when permanently leaving his office, transferring the entire account to some other responsible employee, usually his successor in charge of the office. In this way only will he be relieved of responsibility. The employee to whom the property is charged on the Bureau records must be held personally accountable for any discrepancies that may exist, until the account has been transferred to and receipted for by someone else.

NEW ADDRESSES ESTABLISHED BY  
FOREIGN SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES.

Bureau correspondents should note the following new addresses established by members of the Foreign Agricultural Service:

E. C. Paxton, Agricultural Commissioner,  
Brooks House,

17 O'Connell Street,  
Sydney, Australia.

G. S. Ray, Agricultural Commissioner,  
Chas. L. Luedtke, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner,  
811 Boston Bank Building,

Av. Roque Saenz Pena 567,  
Buenos Aires, Argentina.

C. C. Taylor, Agricultural Attaché,  
South African Mutual Assurance Society Building,  
Pretoria, South Africa.

CANCELATION ON CONDITION NO. 7  
ON GOVERNMENT BILL OF LADING.

For the information and guidance of the employee concerned, Secretaru's Memorandlm No. 611 is quoted in part below:

"In view of the refusal in some instances of common carriers to accept for transportation Department material under the standard Government bill of lading form No. 1058, G.A.O., General Regulations No. 69, without the cancellation therefrom of section 7 \* \* \*, officers and employees of the Department by whom bills of lading are executed on behalf of the Department should, in case of such specific refusal, cancel the section in question and annex thereto and sign with official title a marginal note, 'Cancelled prior to execution under authority of the Secretary of Agriculture.' The deletion of the section should be confined to the cases where the carrier makes this action a condition precedent to the transportation of the material."

PROMPT RETURN OF CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRED IF  
MAILS AND FILES IS TO FUNCTION EFFICIENTLY.

The Business Manager again calls attention to the fact that there is an increasing tendency on the part of various employees in the different divisions to withdraw correspondence from the central files and retain it for a long time within the division. This practice makes a great deal of additional work in the Section of Mails and Files when the correspondence in question is required for the use of others. It also incurs considerable additional work in the nature of follow-ups.

The volume of work in the Section of Mails and Files is unusually heavy at the present time and your cooperation is urged in the matter of expediting correspondence back to the files, in order that the routine of this section may be handled efficiently with the present force. Every employee is requested to check up on the material upon his desk and to return promptly to the Section of Mails and Files any material which is not in immediate use.



BUREAU BREVITIES.

OFFICIAL STANDARDS FOR LAMB CARCASSES, yearling mutton, and mutton carcasses have now been published as Service and Regulatory Announcement 123 of this Bureau. The order promulgating these permissive standards was signed by the Secretary of Agriculture on February 6 and the standards became effective on February 16.

A NEW METHOD OF MEASURING HAY IN STACKS, worked out by W. H. Hosterman as a result of many cooperative studies in the West, is outlined in Leaflet 72, now being distributed. The more technical phases of the subject will be covered in Technical Bulletin 239 which has only recently gone to the Government Printing Office.

A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF THE HISTORY OF AGRICULTURE in the United States, by Everett E. Edwards, is among the publications discussed under "The Reader's Guide" in a recent issue of The Saturday Review of Literature. Mrs. May Lamberton Becker, the reviewer, says of the bibliography: "I foresee uses for this bibliography, and I suggest it to anyone interested in rural libraries.

SATISFACTION WITH THE SERVICES OF M. A. CROSBY, Division of Farm Management and Costs, in the inspection of a drying machine recently invented by a Clover Belt farmer of Selma, Alabama, and in connection with other work, prompted H. H. Fraiser, Secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce, to write Mr. Olsen a letter of appreciation, from which the following is quoted: "Mr. Crosby has for a number of years made a careful study of this section and through association with him and reading his papers, our people realize that he has an unusually intimate knowledge of conditions here, and for that reason, they have the highest possible regard for his judgement in matters of this kind. He has been an important factor in whatever progress and development we have been able to make, and naturally turn to him when new things relative to our development arise."

STATEMENT REGARDING REVISEDS.R.A. 93 IS CLARIFIED.

That part of the item in regard to regulations governing inspection and certification of fruits and vegetables, under "Bureau Brevities," in The B. A. E. News of March 10, 1931, has been found to be somewhat misleading so far as it relates to the inspection of hay and related products. The item stated that the revised S.R.A. 93 eliminated that part of the original S.R.A. 93 which related to the inspection of hay and related products. Expanding the brevity, it is pointed out that the hay inspection service has always been carried on under regulations covering that commodity and issued in S.R.A. 110, but the inspection and certification of dry beans, soybeans and broomcorn and the verification of origin of seed have been carried on under the rules and regulations published in the original S.R.A. 93. The revision contains a provision that the old regulations shall remain in effect so far as they apply to the inspection and certification of dry beans, soybeans, and broomcorn and verification of origin of seed until such time as new regulations are promulgated for those commodities.

IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending March 13 are:

Armstrong, Rinaldo William. The salt of the earth; a study in rural life and social progress, Ottawa, Graphic publishers limited [1930] 233 p. 281.2 Ar52

Bohannon, Charles D. The first census of distribution, with special reference to its possible contribution to state and national agricultural policies and research; an address ... before the Section of experiment station work of the Land grant college association in November, 1930. [Washington, 1930] 16p. Mimeographed.

Harper, F. H. Elements of practical statistics... New York, The Macmillan company, 1930. 324 p. 251 H23

Hentz, H. & co.. The commodity markets. H. Hentz & co... New York [A. L. Russell, inc.] 1930. 136 p. 286 H36

International co-operative alliance. 13th congress, Vienna, 1930. ... Agenda of the thirteenth International co-operative congress at Vienna, 25th to 28th August, 1930. London, Co-operative printing society limited, 1930. 188 p. 280.29 In8R

Kennedy, M. D. The changing fabric of Japan. London, Constable & co., ltd., 1930. 282 p. 280.18 K33

Nankai university. Committee on social and economic research. Bulletin. Price series no. 4. Index numbers of the quantities and prices of imports and exports and of the barter terms of trade in China, 1867-1928, by Franklin L. Ho... Tientsin, China, Printed by the Chihli press, inc., 1930. 24 p. 284.39 N15

National industrial conference board. A picture of world economic conditions in the early fall of 1930 [no.5] New York, National industrial conference board, inc., 1930. 251 p. (Studies of international problems) 280 N214 v. 5

Simpson, Herbert Downs. Tax racket and tax reform in Chicago... Chicago, Northwestern university, Institute for economic research [1930] 287 p. 284.5 Si5T

Whitbeck, Ray Hughes. Economic geography of South America, ... 2d ed. New York, McGraw-Hill book company, inc., 1931. 430 p. 278 W58E Ed.2



HERE AND THERE.

W. A. Wheeler, In Charge, Division of Hay, Feed and Seed, in making a trip to Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, Pa., and New York City, for the purposes of conferring with State officials and canners in regard to standardization, inspection, and the market news service on beans.

R. C. Potts, In Charge, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, is making a trip to the Pacific Coast. On the way out he is calling at the packing plants with which the division is cooperating in the poultry and egg grading work. He will meet C. E. Eckles at Tucumcari, New Mexico, and together they will visit the Pacific Coast offices in the interest of the market news service work and for the purpose of correlating the Bureau grading work in those offices with the work in other markets.

W. C. Davis, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, will leave Washington Thursday for Hampton, Va., and Johnson City, Tenn., where he will grade meats for local U. S. Soldiers Homes.

Bureau friends extend their sincere sympathy to R. W. Webb of the Division of Cotton Marketing, whose mother died on March 14.

A. C. Polster, formerly of the Cincinnati office of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, is relieving M. C. Gregory at Fort Worth, Texas, who is on two weeks' military leave.

It is understood that I. J. Kalmon, of Rotterdam, Holland, will be the first of the delegates to the Universal Cotton Standards Conference of 1931 to arrive in this country. Mr. Kalmon will sail from Cherbourg, France, for New York City, March 19, on the S. S. Leviathan.

Repeating its former record, the Bureau's wool utilization exhibit was again the center of favorable attention when displayed at the 21st Annual Convention of the Michigan Retail Clothiers and Furnishers' Association at the Statler Hotel in Detroit, Mich., March 3, 4 and 5. The exhibit consisted of 5 panels of pictures; 1 panel of finished cloth for suitings, overcoats and dresses; and wool in its various states of manufacture. Complete sets of the United States standards for grades of wool and wool tops were included. According to J. Wiley Christie of the Wool Section, who was in charge of the exhibit, the visitors' comments indicated that the display was beneficial not only as an educational feature to the visiting men, women and children, but to the jobbers and retailers who were in attendance.

Dr. Galpin could not forget his birthday if he would. March 16 found his office beautifully decorated with spring flowers and a flowering rose bush. His force in the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life regularly remember him in this pleasant fashion on his birthday.

H. F. Fitts, who has been detailed to assist the Farmers' Seed Loan Office at Fort Worth, Texas, writes that that office is extremely busy getting through a lot of applications for loans from the farmers in the State of Texas. He expresses his appreciation of the fine assistance extended by Clyde W. Griffin, In Charge of the Bureau's local Grain office, and his stenographer, Mrs. Mary G. Mills. The first day the Seed Loan Office was opened, it was necessary to communicate with about 50 people, and Mrs. Mills gave practically a whole day of her time to the work. Since then Mr. Griffin has been helpful in many ways. Marvin C. Gregory, In Charge, of the Fort Worth office of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, has assisted the seed loan work by lending necessary supplies and extending the use of his mimeograph on several occasions. Mr. Fitts says there are 25 girls employed in the Seed Loan Office.

Chris L. Christensen, former Secretary of the Federal Farm Board, called in the Bureau last week to say good-bye to former associates. Mr. Christensen left Washington Monday to take up his new work as Dean of the College of Agriculture at the University of Wisconsin.

Wm. A. McKenna, Warehouse Division, left Washington Sunday for points in North Carolina and Virginia where he will assist with the inspection of warehouses licensed under the U. S. Warehouse Act.

Gordon P. Boals, Assistant Agricultural Economist, has been appointed in the Foreign Agricultural Service to assist John L. Stewart in the preparation of material for Foreign Crops and Markets. Before entering the Bureau Mr. Boals was an instructor in economics at Oregon State Agricultural College. He holds an A. B. degree from Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash., and an M. S. degree from Oregon State Agricultural College, where he majored in economics.

H. C. Slade, Division of Cotton Marketing, was called to his former home in Falls River, Mass., last week on account of the critical illness of his mother.

E. J. Murphy, Grain Division, left Washington last week for Fort Worth, Tex., where he will relieve O. F. Fisher, Extension Agronomist, In Charge of the local Farmers' Seed Loan Office, who has had to return to Washington on account of illness in his family. Mr. Murphy will probably be detailed to this work for about 6 weeks.

Members of the Bureau are distressed to learn of the accidental death of Professor William W. Underwood, Extension Worker in Farm Management of Purdue University. Returning from a series of State outlook meetings, he received a fractured skull when his automobile overturned in a snowdrift. Professor Underwood was a delegate to the Bureau's outlook conference in January.

James P. Cooper was appointed on March 16 as Assistant Examiner in Cotton Warehousing, with headquarters at Raleigh, N. C. Mr. Cooper has had varied experience in the cotton business since 1922. He will work under the supervision of James P. Brown, who is in charge of the work in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.



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## PROFITABLE MEETING HELD BETWEEN DAIRY MEN AND DEPARTMENT MEMBERS.

A profitable two days were spent when the dairy industry held a national dairy conference in Saint Louis March 11 and 12 to develop a national dairy program. The Department was represented by the Bureau of Dairy Industry, the Bureau of Animal Industry, and this Bureau. This was the first time any large group from the dairy interests has met with members of this Bureau and discussed the national dairy outlook. The meeting was unique also in that it was sponsored by the industry itself. So satisfactory was the meeting that the men who represented this Bureau believe it will be made an annual affair.

The dairy representatives heartily endorsed the work which this Bureau and other bureaus of the Department are doing in the interest of that industry. The outstanding event of the meeting from the standpoint of the Bureau was the recommendation for the appointment of a committee to be composed of dairy representatives who will collaborate with the Bureau in the collection of dairy statistics and the analysis and interpretation of such information.

The forenoon of the first day of the meeting was taken up with the presentation by Mr. Olsen and other members of the Bureau's staff of a special report prepared on the outlook for the dairy industry, with statistics showing shifts in the industry. That afternoon O. E. Reed, Chief of the Bureau of Dairy Industry, discussed the work of his Bureau in relation to the dairy interests. Dr. W. E. Cotton and Dr. A. E. Wight discussed the work of the Bureau of Animal Industry in controlling tuberculosis, abortion, and garget among dairy cattle. Following that there were talks by a number of men representing the trade.

The second morning was devoted to a presentation of reports by the Conclusions Committee. Among other things recommended in addition to the recommendation for a committee to work with this Bureau, was the appointment of a committee to investigate the possibilities of a dairy information clearing house under the Agricultural Marketing Act, this committee to cooperate with the Bureau of Dairying in furthering its work.

The conference, which was national in scope, was well attended. The industry was represented by members of the various cattle breeding associations; manufacturers of dairy machinery and dairy supplies; and dairy distributors and representatives of manufacturing interests. A number of representatives of national dairy organizations were present. A. J. Glover of the American Dairy Federation acted as chairman of the meeting.

Members of this Bureau who participated in the meeting were Mr. Olsen, C. L. Holmes, L. M. Davis, E. E. Gaumnitz, John B. Shepard, Walter H. Ebling, and E. E. Vial.

TENTATIVE GRADES ISSUED FOR SKINS  
USED IN SHOES AND NOVELTY ARTICLES.

Tentative standards for market classes and grades of kips and calfskins have been issued by the Bureau. The standards are the result of research undertaken and of conferences made by M. C. Romberger of the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, with various branches of the livestock, meat, hide, and leather industries. The leather products made from kips and calfskins enter quite largely into the manufacture of shoe upper leather, purses, leather novelties, etc.

The grades have been drawn to conform to approved trading practices in these industries. Bureau officials believe that if the standards are applied generally, producers will pay more attention to improving the quality of the raw product. They also believe that business relations among all branches of the industry will be improved.

The standards are tentative and their use is permissive. The Bureau is asking the various industries for suggestions and criticisms so that when the standards are issued in final form they may represent the experience and best judgment of the industries.

The standards contain definitions, give instructions on cure, condition and tare, and set up specifications for four classes and four grades of green salted kips and calfskins. A grading chart is included.

WAREHOUSE DIVISION LEADERS  
HOLD MEETING IN THE FIELD.

Warehouse Division leaders representing the cotton regions are meeting in Atlanta this week with H. S. Yohe, In Charge of that division. The group is considering general problems of administration and policy and such changes in the various regulations as may be necessary because of the recent amendments to the Warehouse Act. The group includes James P. Brown, In Charge of the Raleigh office, R. L. Newton, In Charge of the Dallas office, and F. G. Crout, In Charge of the Atlanta office. J. W. Pickens, who is connected with the Dallas office, also is attending the meeting.

In order that the work in the North may be properly coordinated with that in the South and that the various members of the division may be on a common basis on such matters as inspection methods, field warehousing, etc., another meeting will be held in Washington during the week of April 6. Regional field representatives are now considering the problems of their separate territories, so that they will be prepared to discuss them in the conference.

To this second meeting Mr. Yohe has called to Washington, John W. Savage, In Charge, and H. E. Gifford of the Portland office; W. H. Holliday, In Charge, and G. H. Roessig, of the Omaha office; Robert Waldie, In Charge of the Wichita office; C. B. Burns, In Charge, and Hans Aabel of the Indianapolis office.

RULINGS ON SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAYS  
AND LEAVE ON THAT DAY.

Attorney General Mitchell's recent ruling that Government employees taking the Saturday half-holiday off as a part of their annual leave shall be charged with but 4 hours' leave and shall not be charged with a full day's leave is good news to all of us. It has been received by some with as much satisfaction as the recent granting of the weekly half-day holiday itself.



Secretary's Memorandum No. 612, which quotes the Act providing for Saturday half-holidays, says in part:

"Effective immediately, the provisions of this Act will be observed as to all officers and employees of the Department wherever located and whether permanent or temporary. When within the judgment of the chief of bureau or of any supervising officer in charge of field personnel to whom the chief of bureau may delegate the determination, special public reasons exist which prevent the release of an employee on any Saturday afternoon, such chief of bureau or supervising officer is authorized to grant equivalent time on some other work day. A written record should be kept of all required work on Saturday in excess of four hours, comprising the name of the employee, the date, and the amount of time in hours and fractions thereof accruing under the above provisions; and when equivalent time has been taken, the record should be completed by an entry showing the date and the time of beginning and ending of the equivalent period."

#### MANY ARE SERVED GOVERNMENT GRADED BEEF IN NEW YORK PUBLIC DINING ROOMS.

Evidence is accumulating that the beef grading service is rapidly gaining in popularity in New York City, according to a recent letter from B. F. McCarthy, In Charge of the local office of the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, addressed to the Washington office.

The management of J. Lowenstein & Son, Inc., a large wholesale meat supply house, who have used this service from time to time, recently informed Mr. McCarthy that hereafter they will have their Choice cuts of beef graded regularly by this Bureau.

The manager of Joe's Restaurant, a branch of which is located in New York City proper, another in Coney Island, and a third in Borough Hall, has informed Mr. McCarthy that he is insisting that the wholesalers with whom he deals furnish him with graded beef. At the Brooklyn branch alone, he serves between 30,000 and 35,000 customers weekly...

Mr. McCarthy indicates that the Statler Hotels and many other hotels and restaurants in New York City "take our work seriously and see benefit in it."

#### DEALING WITH LOCAL AGENCIES WHEN PROCURING EQUIPMENT.

It is noted that at times field offices are arranging with local agencies of companies dealing in typewriters, computing machines, and other office equipment, to have new equipment placed on trial with a more or less definite understanding that the local agency will be given the order when the contemplated purchase is made. The Business Manager calls attention again to the necessity of taking up with division headquarters in Washington the matter of all proposed purchases of equipment and supplies. New equipment must be procured in accordance with the General Schedule of Supplies, and in most cases orders must be placed with the Washington office of the contractor. The latter may choose to have delivery made from the local branch in the city in which the equipment is to be used, but more often shipment is made from the factory. Field offices are, therefore, cautioned in their dealings with local branches of equipment companies against giving them the impression that orders for new equipment can be placed directly with them.

HANDLING OF P.A.C. COMPLAINT CALLED  
CONSCIENTIOUS AND CAPABLE WORK.

The following letter addressed to H. A. Spilman, Fruit and Vegetable Division, relates to a complaint under the Produce Agency Act investigated by C. R. Newton and O. N. Harsha during the latter part of last summer. The letter was accompanied by newspaper clippings indicating that the case in question has aroused a considerable amount of interest in the section concerned.

"We were surprised and very much gratified to read in the morning paper of March 7th that the case of \_\_\_\_\_ versus the Directors of the \_\_\_\_\_ Association of \_\_\_\_\_ has come to an issue with the arrest and release on bonds of 6 of the Directors. I am enclosing the item, also a letter to the 'Forum' of the 'Bulletin' of March 8th and my own reply therein of March 9. They make interesting reading.

"As complainants we realize it was your conscientious and capable work that brought us to this point of success. Even the defendants, must, I am sure, admire the businesslike way you handled the matter. We heartily extend to you our appreciation and our thanks.

"Discontent has smouldered for a long time amongst growers of our Valley. \* \* \* So you will not wonder that this matter has assumed the status of a community issue - in fact, so many shippers are beginning to straighten up, that they, as well as growers in general, are eagerly awaiting the trial in April.

"I may say that two weeks ago other growers (affected with the complainants, but who did not cooperate in case an investigation would lead to a costly litigation suit) began to make a fuss again and finally offered and accepted proportionate sums (calculated by the Directors) as restitution. This ends the matter as far as they are concerned, but it seems rather striking that this should show in the records:-

Aug. 1929. Crops marketed

Nov. 1929. Final statements and cheques distributed

Dec. 1930. Railroad claims distributed to growers

Feb. 1931. Restitution claims paid to growers who did not request an official investigation.

"All this in addition to having their books re-audited sometime in the fall of 1930 - a year after the deal was supposed closed.

"Yes, we are certainly glad we have got your Bureau and the Department of Justice on this case. It is going to mean more to the Valley and the fruit industry than you can guess."

BUREAU NOON HOUR RADIO  
BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The radio program of the Department is broadcast daily, except Sundays, from 12:55 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. During the week beginning March 30 only one Bureau representative will take part in the program, as follows:

April 1, 1:00 p.m., A. B. Genung, Comments on the Agricultural Situation.



BUREAU BREVITIES.

PRELIMINARY REPORTS, containing estimates of the numbers of apple trees by varieties and ages, in commercial and farm orchards, by W. H. Youngman, Division of Farm Management and Costs, have recently been issued as follows: For Arkansas, in cooperation with the Arkansas State Department of Manufactures and Agriculture; for Iowa, in cooperation with the Iowa State Department of Agriculture; for Nebraska, in cooperation with the Nebraska State Department of Agriculture; for New Jersey. In cooperation with the New Jersey State Department of Agriculture; for North Carolina, in cooperation with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture; for Washington State. A report giving similar information for 41 States also has been issued. Information upon which these estimates are based was gathered from apple growers in practically all commercial and non-commercial sections by the Statisticians of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates in the respective States.

STATISTICS AND CHARTS OF THE POULTRY AND EGG INDUSTRY, compiled by E. R. Johnson, Division of Farm Management and Costs, are now available in an 83-page mimeographed publication.

STATISTICS OF MEAT PRODUCTION, CONSUMPTION AND FOREIGN TRADE of the United States, 1900-1930, are presented in a preliminary mimeographed report prepared in the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool. Copies may be obtained from the Division of Economic Information.

LEGISLATIVE AID TO AGRICULTURE IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES (With specific reference to foreign outlets for Dairy Products of the United States), Mr. Hobson's address before the Farmers' week meeting at the College of Agriculture, University of Wisconsin, Madison, February 3, 1931, is now in mimeographed form for distribution.

FACTORS RELATED TO PRODUCTION, PRICES, AND ACREAGE OF POTATOES in Maine, an abstract of an address given at County Agent meetings at the Maine Agricultural College, Orono, Maine, February 5, 1931, has been mimeographed and may be had upon request. Five charts are included.

RECENT MARKETING SUMMARIES issued by the Division of Fruits and Vegetables include: Marketing the Lower Rio Grande Valley Texas Potato Crop, 1930 Season, by W. D. Googe, (in cooperation with the Texas Department of Agriculture); Marketing Louisiana Strawberries, 1930, Season by J. P. Klein; Marketing Arizona Lettuce, 1930 Spring Season, by R. H. Lamb; Marketing Eastern Shore Strawberries, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, 1930 Season, by V. H. Nicholson, (in cooperation with the Maryland State Department of Markets and Virginia State Division of Markets); Marketing North Carolina White Potatoes, 1930 Season, by R. E. Keller, (in cooperation with North Carolina Department of Agriculture); Marketing Southeastern Watermelons (from Florida, Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina), 1930 Season, by R. Maynard Peterson, (in cooperation with the State Marketing Bureau, Florida Department of Agriculture, and the State Bureau of Markets, Georgia Department of Agriculture).

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Virginia. Dept. of taxation. The tax code of Virginia; with all amendments enacted at the sessions of the general assembly of 1928 and 1930. Richmond, 1930. 303 p. 284.5 V81



HERE AND THERE.

The Atlantic States Division of the National Association of Marketing Officials will hold their annual spring meeting in Washington, in the conference room of the Bureau, on Tuesday, April 21. Mr. Olsen will open the meeting with a brief address of welcome and discussion of the subject, "The Value of Closer Relationship between the Bureau of Agricultural Economics and the Various State Marketing Bureaus." W. A. Sherman is on the program for a discussion of the recent developments in connection with the administration of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, and R. C. Butner, for a discussion of the subject, "The Operation Problems of State-Federal Shipping Point Inspection."

Dr. L. C. Gray, Division of Land Economics, delivered an address entitled, "Factors To Be Considered in Forecasting Land Values," at the Conference of Reviewing and Chief Appraisers, on March 16, at the Federal Farm Loan Board.

Robert H. Black has been assigned in charge of the Federal Grain Supervision office in Minneapolis, to fill the vacancy created by the death last fall of Ralph C. Miller. Mr. Black will have full administrative responsibility for the inspection work of the Minneapolis office and general supervision of the researches that are conducted from that office. Prior to his present assignment Mr. Black conducted research work for the Grain Division in the spring wheat area.

Robert T. Clifford will report April 1 for duty as Assistant Examiner in Grain Warehousing, with headquarters at Wichita, Kans. He will work under the supervision of Robert Waldie, who is in charge of the work of the Warehouse Division in the States of Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas. Mr. Clifford studied foreign trade for 2 years at the University of Oregon and took a course in business law for 1 year at the same University. He was employed as Grain Sampler by the Bureau of Plant Industry and this Bureau from July 1914, to November, 1917. He has had other extensive experience in the grain business. Since May, 1928, until his present appointment in the Bureau he has been Elevator Superintendent for the Longview Grain and Elevator Company at Longview, Wash.

We regret to report that Dr. W. A. Hartman, Division of Land Economics, is absent from the office because of illness.

W. E. Lewis, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, will address the session of Farm and Home Week, on March 25, at Orono, Maine, on the subject, "The Grading of Raw Products for Canneries."

Mr. Olsen, Mr. Kitchen, and H. J. Besley spent Thursday, March 19, in New York City in conference with the Board of Canadian Grain Commissioners regarding problems of inspecting American grain moving through eastern Canadian ports and the movement of Canadian grain through United States ports.

Edgar A. Stewart, Operator in the Mimeograph Section, has the sincere sympathy of his associates in the death of his mother on March 22.

A. W. Palmer, In Charge, Division of Cotton Marketing, is on a trip in the interest of that division's work. On March 20 he attended the annual meeting of the Texas Cotton Association at Dallas, Tex. He spent March 21 in Memphis, Tenn., in conference with Chairmen of the Boards of Cotton Examiners in the field concerning the certification of cotton under the U. S. Cotton Futures Act and the Cotton Standards Act. He planned to spend Sunday in Stoneville, Miss., to confer with representatives of this Bureau and others relating to the new ginning work which is now being undertaken at that point. Mr. Palmer expected to return to Washington today, March 24.

W. A. Sherman, In Charge, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, is in New York City today (Tuesday), conferring with interested parties concerning the possibility of an inspection for condition of arrivals of fruits and vegetables, similar to that handled in Cleveland, Ohio, under agreement with the Northern Ohio Food Terminal.

Ellis E. Erickson has been appointed as Assistant Examiner in Grain Warehousing with headquarters in Wichita, Kansas. He will report for duty on April 1. Mr. Erickson holds the degree of B. C. S. from Highland Park College, Des Moines, Iowa. He served in the army as Battalion Sergeant Major from June, 1917, to May, 1919. Among other business experience, he has been employed as accountant by the Northern Wisconsin Cooperative Tobacco Pool at Madison, Wisc. For the last 3½ years he has been accountant and manager for a firm in Viroqua, Wisc.

H. H. Hawthorne, Division of Farm Management and Costs, is in Knoxville, Tenn., this week conferring with members of the Committee on Farm Organization and Management in regard to a program of work for the coming fiscal year in connection with economic, social and other phases of a proposed study of farming conditions in the Southern Appalachian Mountain Region. As previously announced, Dr. L. G. Gray and C. F. Clayton, who are in Knoxville for the Nineteenth Annual Conference of Southern Mountain Workers, also are participating in the conferences on the study to be made in the Southern Appalachian Mountain Region.

Mrs. Grace L. Flagg, Division of Land Economics, has returned to the office following a lengthy illness.

The Department Golf Association held a meeting March 19 for the election of officers and to discuss the conduct of general business for the year. The following officers were elected: L. A. Reynoldson, Division of Farm Management and Costs, this Bureau, Chairman; L. T. Hopkins, Bureau of Animal Industry, Vice Chairman; J. M. Palmer, Bureau of Plant Industry, Secretary-Treasurer.

Several Bureau employees, a member of the Department Library, and several members of the Extension Service at 220 - 14th Street, S. W., were summoned to court last Saturday to testify against a young man who is being held in connection with the recent thefts in the Bureau and other branches of the Department. When the defendant failed to answer to his name, his bondsman explained that the young man understood the case would not be called that day on account of the short session, but that he would appear the following Monday. On Monday the defendant asked for a jury trial so the case has been postponed until the first of April. The defendant is not an employee of the Department, but lives in the neighborhood of the Department.



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## SUPPLEMENTARY OUTLOOK REPORT IS RELEASED.

Following the issuance of the intentions to plant report on March 26, a supplementary outlook report was prepared by the crop committees and approved in a general conference Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. This report covers wheat, flax, corn, rice, oats, barley, hay, potatoes, sweet potatoes, cabbage, onions, tobacco, beans, peanuts, and soybeans.

The supplementary outlook report was released Saturday, March 28, to the press and by radio. Radio talks were given by E. J. Working, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, and Joseph A. Becker and Paul Koenig, Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates.

## INSPECTION WORK ABOUT TO START IN PORTO RICO.

A. S. Mason sailed on March 26 from New York City for Porto Rico, where he will supervise the inspection work of the Division of Fruits and Vegetables.

In sending Mr. Mason to Porto Rico for this work, the Bureau is carrying out its part of the terms of a cooperative agreement entered into early this year with the Fruit Growers' Improvement Committee as the result of investigations conducted on the Island by William E. Leigh. The understanding was that the Bureau's inspection service would be required for citrus fruits only, but from recent letters from the Growers' Improvement Committee, inspection will also be extended to cocoanuts and to some vegetables, principally tomatoes. It is probable also that Mr. Mason will make some receiving point inspections at San Juan, that is, inspection of products grown in the United States that are marketed in Porto Rico.

Mr. Mason will have his headquarters in Room 402 Ochoa Building, San Juan.

## DEPARTMENT SENDS EXHIBITS TO LOUISIANA.

The Mayor of Alexandria, La., V. V. Lamkin, has requested the Department to send him agricultural exhibits for display in the town's new museum. These exhibits will be loaned for an indefinite period. As the Bureau's part in this display, the following material has been prepared and sent forward:

- One set of the U. S. Cotton Standards for American Upland Cotton
- One set of the U. S. Standards for Wool
- One set of the U. S. Standards for Wool Top
- One portfolio exhibit on Rural Hospitals
- One portfolio exhibit on Rural Libraries.

## SOWING SEED FROM THE AIR.

E. N. Bates and G. P. Bodnar of Grain Investigations, whose headquarters are in San Francisco, made an official trip in California recently, on which, along with other work, they investigated the very modern method of planting rice by air plane, now being used in that State. In this connection Mr. Bates writes:

"On Tuesday we drove back through the hills to the San Joaquin Valley in order to stop at Merced and talk with Mr. Morgan and Mr. Tedril, the owners and operators of the local airport, who were the pioneers in sowing rice by air plane. Mr. Morgan told us that they already had contracts for sowing 8,000 acres of rice this spring. He said that when they flew 30 feet high the rice was spread over a strip thirty feet wide and when they flew 200 feet high, the strip was about 66 feet wide. He said that they were charging \$1.00 an acre this year, but they will sow the fields in two directions.

"A competitive company in Oakland is making a price of 75¢ per acre, but Mr. Morgan felt that they did not realize all of the costs, not having had the experience of sowing. The Merced company will have two air planes equipped for sowing which will enable them to sow 500 acres per day. This company has designed a special Venturi type of grain spreading device which they are going to try out this year. They said that the seeding by plane was very accurate in that it distributed the grain within a very few pounds per acre of the amount figured for each acre. Another advantage that was mentioned by Mr. Morgan for the air plane was that the seeding by plane did not hull any of the rice while the ordinary mechanical broadcaster and drill had a tendency to hull rice. Last year this company seeded 5,000 acres."

## LAMB AN EASTER DISH IN GREECE.

Market news is not the only information collected by Mrs. Wilna C. Rice, Division of Economic Information, for her weekly radio program on the Retail Food Market, conducted on Fridays by the University of Maryland and this Department over WRC. Many of the market men pass along to her human interest stories and occasionally, when the merchant is foreign born, he gives her a story about his native country. One such is the following, taken from Mrs. Rice's broadcast of last week:

"Roast lamb is the prescribed Easter dish in fashionable Greek homes, we are told by 'The Chef,' a fruit and vegetable merchant. "Every Easter I buy a whole lamb, build a fire out in my back yard and spend the Saturday before Easter out there tending to that lamb as it barbecues on the spit. I remember when I was in the Greek army," he continued. "It was during the Balkan war and at Easter time. We were hungry; our company had had little food for several days. This day as we were marching past a Turkish mosque or monastery, we discovered a flock of lambs. Well to make a long story short, we broke ranks, each grabbed a lamb and roasted it on a spit right out there in the open. Then orders came to march on. But did we leave our roast lamb? No, lady, we did not. We carried those lambs with us, stakes and all. Each soldier had a roast lamb over one shoulder and his gun over the other, and we all paraded proudly past our officers, who were heard to exclaim: 'This company of ours is not much on looks, but it certainly has plenty to eat.'"



"IT IS METE WE  
MEET AT MEAT."

One hundred twenty-five leading business men of Sioux City, Iowa, and several representatives of large packing plants enjoyed roast beef, cut from beef graded and stamped "U. S. Choice Steer" by the Bureau's grader at that market, at a luncheon given by the local Rotary Club, Monday, March 23. Representatives of the packers included Frank A. Gale, Manager of Swift and Company, T. J. Dee, Manager of Armour and Company, and A. E. Mills, Superintendent of the Cudahy Packing Company.

Joseph D. Hale, In Charge of the Sioux City office of the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, discussed the Bureau's beef grading and stamping service. Harvey Huntington, Beef Grader of that office, explained the beef grades and classes and gave a demonstration of the method of stamping the various cuts according to grade. Swift and Company furnished the four sides of beef, which graded "Choice," "Good," "Medium," and "Common."

A half page announcement of the luncheon and of the Bureau's part in it, carried in the Rotary Club's little paper, "The Rotary Punch," was introduced by the quotation, "It is mete we meet at meat," attributed to "Spearsshake."

NEW FRUIT AND VEGETABLE  
INSPECTION OFFICES OPENED.

The Fruit and Vegetable Division is planning to open 5 new inspection offices about April 1. These offices will be in charge of the following representatives, all except one of whom are transferring from other offices:

Dallas, Texas, 500 Post Office and Court House Building, A. H. Polster, In Charge. Mr. Polster is transferring from the Cincinnati office.

Tulsa, Oklahoma, Room 303 Central Bank Building, R. B. Landrum, In Charge. Mr. Landrum is transferring from the New York office.

Birmingham, Ala., Room 44 New Post Office Building, W. W. Anderson, In Charge. Mr. Anderson also is transferring from New York.

Des Moines, Ia., Room 310, New Court House Building, R. C. Lindstrom, In Charge. Mr. Lindstrom is transferring from the Chicago office.

Louisville, Ky., Room 328, Old Post Office Building, T. C. Curry, In Charge. Mr. Curry, a former employee, has recently been reinstated in the service.

BUREAU NOON HOUR RADIO  
BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The radio program of the Department is broadcast daily, except Sundays, from 12:55 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following members of this Bureau are on the program for the week beginning April 6:

April 8, 1:00 p.m., F. J. Hosking, The Feed Situation  
1:05 p.m., W. A. Sherman, The Potato Outlook.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

COLD-STORAGE HOLDINGS for year ended December 31, 1929, with comparable data for earlier years, are recorded in Statistical Bulletin 33, now off the press. This bulletin, which brings to date the information given in Statistical Bulletin 26, was prepared by William Broxton, in charge of cold storage statistics.

"A PAIR OF THERMOMETERS" is the title introducing an editorial in the March 1 issue of the 'Market Growers Journal'," in which the advantages of 'The Agricultural Situation' and 'Crops and Markets' are pointed out to growers. The editorial reads in part: "Possibly you saw our editorial headed 'Don't Blame The Thermometer,' which appeared in our January 1st issue. This referred to protests against the crop reporting service which recorded increase in prospects for the potato crop last fall, and we took the ground that one should not blame the thermometer for bad weather. The trouble with a good many growers is that they do not look at the thermometer. Two good thermometers for agricultural business may be received from the U. S. Department of Agriculture once a month at a total cost of 85 cents a year. One of these is called 'Agricultural Situation'\*\*\*. 'Crops and Markets' is the name of the thermometer which was 'bawled out' last fall because it told the truth."

A CHANGING FARM LIFE: What It Is Parting With; What Gaining; What Holding Fast, and Struggles in Evolving a New Rural Civilization are the topics discussed by Dr. C. J. Galpin, In Charge, Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, before the Nineteenth Annual Farm and Home Convention, Western State Teachers College, Kalamazoo, Mich., March 6, 1931. Copies of this address are now in mimeograph form for distribution.

UNSATISFACTORY TIRES AND  
TUBES TO BE REPORTED.

A number of reports have been received recently by the Purchasing Officer of the Bureau regarding low mileage obtained from a few automobile tires and tubes. The General Supply Committee, which secures the quarterly contracts, advises that unsatisfactory tires and tubes should be sent in to Washington for test at the Bureau of Standards, and if they are found defective or below the standard of quality, the contractor will be called upon to replace them. No definite mileage is guaranteed for the tires and tubes and it must be left to the judgment of the man using them as to whether or not they are giving sufficient service. When tires or tubes are returned to Washington, it is necessary that certain information regarding them be furnished, such as mileage obtained, conditions under which used, date they were received, and any other information that may be helpful. Employees should keep sufficient record of their tires and tubes in order to be able to ascertain whether or not reasonable service is being received from them and to be in a position to furnish the above information if it is necessary to make unfavorable reports later. Such complaints should be referred to division headquarters' offices in Washington, which will in turn take the matter up with the Purchasing Officer of the Bureau.



IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending March 27 are:

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Das, Rajani Kanta. The industrial efficiency of India... London, P. S. King & sons, ltd., 1930. 212 p. 280.18 D26

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Weatherhead, O. L. Financial farm relief, .. St. Paul. Minnesota [Agricultural producers' relief co.] 1930. 174p. 281.12 W37.

THE DEPARTMENT HOLDS ITS  
ANNUAL AMARYLLIS SHOW.

The annual Amaryllis Show of the Department closed on Sunday with a record of 32,334 in attendance. The Department has exhibited specimens of this plant every year since 1912, except in 1914 and 1915. A dozen plants were imported from England in 1909, and from these the numerous varieties now in the hothouses were originated by cross pollination. The poem that follows, written about an international flower show, is a fitting tribute to the Department's own beautiful offering.

Amaryllis Show

One, alone, would banish gloom;  
One, alone, would light a room;  
Here are hundreds all in bloom.

Every gorgeous flower-maid  
Pirouettes on stalk of jade;  
Here are colors flaming bright  
Interspread with purest white;  
And the eyes choose as they please—  
Crimson, coral, or cerise.

Amaryllis, rose-and-lily,  
Cheerful as a daffodilly.  
Amaryllis, charming name;  
From a golden age you came—  
Rustic sweetheart Amaryllis,  
Friend of Corydon and Phyllis.

One, alone, would banish gloom;  
One, alone, would light a room;  
Here are hundreds all in bloom;

Up and down each blossomed aisle  
City people walk and smile,  
Sylvan for a little while.

--Alice Lawry Gould.

HERE AND THERE.

W. A. Sherman, In Charge, H. J. Spillman, and O. N. Harsha, of the Division of Fruits and Vegetables, and Judge Dillman of the Solicitor's Office, will attend a series of hearings in Richmond, Va., beginning April 7, in connection with complaints under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act.

The greatly increased volume of appeal work in the Omaha office of the Grain Division makes it necessary for that office to have additional help. In order to meet that need, William J. Weber, Jr., is being transferred from Minneapolis to Omaha.

The Tobacco Section has just appointed as Marketing Specialist Mr. Hubert A. Kramer of New York, who reported for duty in Washington on March 23.

Mr. Kramer will specialize in cigar tobacco types, in which he has had exceptionally wide experience. For the next few months he will be detailed to Wisconsin to supervise the grading of tobacco of the Northern Wisconsin Tobacco Pool, which is now handled by the Tobacco Section in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture and Markets. Later it is expected that Mr. Kramer will devote a good deal of time to the development of standard grades for cigar tobaccos and to possible methods of applying tobacco grading in those districts. Mr. Kramer comes to the Department with unusually wide endorsement by responsible members of the tobacco trade.



F. G. Robb, In Charge of Regulatory Work, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, was the principal speaker at the weekly Extension Conference, March 25, held in the Conference Room at 220 14th St., S. W. Mr. Robb's subject was "Helping the Fruit and Vegetable Industry Through the Licensing System of Law Enforcement."

Fred L. Garlock, Division of Agricultural Finance, was taken to the Naval Hospital last Friday for a mastoid operation. His associates anxiously await definite news of his condition.

T. W. Heitz, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, was in Indianapolis last week and met with a group of 9 local poultry dealers who have formed an association and applied for the grading of their poultry under Government supervision. According to present plans, the service will be started about the middle of May.

Edward L. Cannon, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, is transferring from New York City to Kansas City, Missouri. He will leave New York for his new station about April 1.

Marion L. James of Winslow, Ariz., has been appointed as Telegrapher in the Seattle, Wash., office, having reported there for duty on March 30. Mr. James succeeds Louis A. Lambert, recently deceased.

Professor Homer J. Henney of Kansas State Agricultural College is in Washington working in the Bureau on methods of forecasting cotton and wheat production, a joint study being undertaken by the Bureau and that College.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Miss Ruth E. Griffith, Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, in the death of her mother on March 26.

E. W. Baker, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, and his wife motored to Atlantic City last week for a few days' vacation.

George A. Dunagin, In Charge of the Atlanta office of the Division of Cotton Marketing, is in Savannah, Ga., attending a meeting of the Atlantic Cotton Shippers Association, being held March 30 and 31.

W. C. Davis, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, left Washington March 25 for Augusta, Me., Bath and Buffalo, N. Y., Dayton, Ohio, Chicago and Danville, Ill., and Marion, Ind., to check the quality of meats used by the National Soldiers Homes at those points. He will return about April 8.

Robert Bier, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, left Washington March 26 for two weeks' trip in the interest of the fruit and vegetable inspection service. He is visiting Richmond, Va., Raleigh, N. C., Aiken, S. C., Jacksonville, Fla., New Orleans, La., Montgomery, Ala., and Atlanta, Ga.

R. D. Conklin, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, was called to Albany, N. Y., March 24, on account of the death of his grandfather.

Miss Sara Skinner, In Charge of the Mailing Section, Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, will retire from the service effective April 1. She has been an energetic and efficient worker in the crop estimating work for the last 37 years. Habits formed over a long period are not so easily broken. Twice recently, while Miss Skinner has been on annual leave prior to going into a retirement status, she has awakened at the accustomed early hour and begun to dress for office. She tells her co-workers it is difficult to realize that from now on her time is for rest and for play.

Mrs. Florence C. Fitch, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, has the sincere sympathy of Bureau friends in the recent death of her sister, Mrs. Edith H. Mitchell.

Ben H. Thibodeaux, Division of Farm Management and Costs, is making an extended official trip. He left Washington Sunday for Arkansas, where he will assist State agricultural workers in outlining tabulations of data collected during the last year for a cooperative study of plantation, organization and management, and to make plans for the continuation of field work. He will visit Mississippi and Louisiana to confer with State workers regarding plans for a similar study in the Mississippi River Delta. He also plans to go to Oklahoma and Texas to assist with the collection of information pertaining to cooperative farm organization studies being conducted in type-of-farming areas in these States, and with the preparation of a manuscript interpreting data from a cooperative farm records and accounts project conducted in eastern Texas. Mr. Thibodeaux will be away until some time in June.

We welcome William Gary Thompson back into the Bureau. Mr. Thompson resigned from the inspection service of the Fruit and Vegetable Division in 1923 because of ill health. He will be reinstated in the division, effective April 1, as Assistant Marketing Specialist, for work in the market news service with headquarters at Chicago.

H. V. DeMott, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, will go to Fort Wayne, Indiana, this week to examine wool records in connection with a case of alleged excess profits on wool during the war.

Associates of David L. Wickens, Division of Agricultural Finance, are delighted to know that he has recovered sufficiently from his recent extended illness to be able to leave the hospital.

Those in the Bureau interested in graphic art, will want to see the attractive British, colored posters on the bulletin board on the fifth floor of the Bieber Building. These posters were sent to the Bureau by F. A. Motz, Principal Fruit and Vegetable Marketing Specialist located at London, England. They are being used in the British Fruit Trades Federation's national advertising campaign which has been carried on for several years for the purpose of stimulating the consumption of fruit in England.

James A. Calderwood knows where he stands in the affections of the Mails and Files Section. The messenger boys whom he supervises were so happy over his recovery from 2 weeks' illness, that when he returned to the office today (Tuesday), they presented him with a basket of flowers containing many varieties of beautiful spring flowers.



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## MR. OLSEN TO ATTEND WORLD DAIRY CONGRESS THIS SUMMER.

Mr. Olsen will be one of ten delegates to officially represent the United States at The Ninth International Dairy Congress, which will be held at Copenhagen, Denmark, July 14-17. With the approval of the nominations by the Department of State, Secretary Hyde announced last week the list of delegates, who include, in addition to Mr. Olsen: O. E. Reed, Chief, Bureau of Dairy Industry, and R. R. Graves, Chief, division of dairy cattle breeding, feeding and management investigations, of that Bureau; Dr. C. H. Eckles, Chief, department of dairy husbandry, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minn.; Prof. M. Mortensen, Head of the department of dairy industry, Iowa State College of Agriculture, Ames, Ia.; Dr. J. M. Sherman, Head of the department of dairy industry, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.; C. E. Gray, President, Golden States Milk Products Company, San Francisco, Calif.; O. F. Hunziker, Director of Research, the Blue Valley Creamery Butter Company, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. E. V. McCollum, Professor of Biochemistry, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.; and C. L. Hill, Chairman of the Wisconsin State Department of Agriculture, Rosendale, Wis.

The official participation by the United States in this important international meeting, at which many of the countries of the world will be represented, both officially and unofficially, was provided for by a congressional appropriation of \$10,000.

The congress will meet in the Danish House of Parliament, under the patronage of King Christian X. A preliminary announcement from the congress committee states that at this congress great importance will be attached to the presentation of the latest important results of dairy research and experimental work. The work of the congress will be divided into the following five conference sections: Breeding and milk production; chemistry, bacteriology, and hygiene; technique, industry, and trade; organization, legislation, and control; and tropical dairy industry.

The international dairy congresses are organized by The International Dairy Federation, a permanent organization established in 1903, on the occasion of the first international congress, which was organized by The Belgian National Dairy Society. The object of the federation is to help to bring about cooperation by the dairy industries of all countries, in promoting the technical and scientific development of the industry throughout the world.

## BUREAU MEN RECEIVE FELLOWSHIPS IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS.

Five members of the Bureau are among the successful aspirants this year for fellowships under the Social Science Research Council. Awards in the Bureau have been granted to C. W. Crickman, Agricultural Economist, E. B. Hurd,

Mrs. F. H. Painter,  
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Associate Agricultural Economist, and O. V. Wells, Assistant Agricultural Economist, Division of Farm Management and Costs; Wm. H. Rowe, Agricultural Economist, Division of Agricultural Finance; and Roger F. Hale, Associate Crop and Livestock Estimator, Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates. The committee on awards voted for 20 fellowships this year, but this list may be slightly changed through resignations or the naming of additional men.

The Bureau group seems to be Harvard bound. With the exception of Mr. Hale, who is undecided between Harvard and Columbia University, the men will enter Harvard next year for graduate work in economics.

This is the fourth year that the Council has awarded fellowships. Under its plans awards will be made one more year in an effort to train men in advanced agricultural economics and rural sociology. Since this 5-year plan was put in operation in 1928, 15 fellowships have come to Bureau men. Awards were made in the Bureau in 1928 to J. B. Hutson and C. M. Purves; in 1929 to Chas. F. Sarle and J. B. Gibbs; and in 1930 to Geo. L. Crawford, Russell S. Kifer, D. Curtis Mumford, Sterling R. Newell, Arthur G. Peterson, and Ernst H. Wiecking.

#### PUBLICITY IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Several articles by Bureau men are receiving favorable publicity in foreign countries. "Agriculture and the Future of China," written by Dr. O. E. Baker of the Division of Land Economics for "Foreign Affairs," has recently been translated into Japanese by Hikoichiro Sasaki of the Geographical Institute, Tokyo Imperial University, Tokyo, and reprinted by that Institute in the publication, "Studies of Economic Geography, 1930."

"Looking Forward Ninety Years in American Agriculture," another article by Dr. Baker, which appeared in the ninety-year anniversary number of "The Southern Planter," has been translated into Russian probably by some Russian who had visited the United States, and reprinted by the Russian Government in one of their official publications. Permission for the use of the article in this way was not first obtained from Dr. Baker. When he received a check from the Russian Government, he thought it was a mistake and returned it to the bank. It was then he learned what had been done.

Recently W. F. Callander, In Charge, and Verne C. Childs of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, have been informed that their article, "Methods Used by the United States Crop Reporting Board in Estimating the Cotton Crop," which appeared in the 1930 Cotton Year Book of the New York Cotton Exchange, is wanted for reprint in "The Bombay (India) Cotton Annual." In this connection, Alston H. Garside of the New York Cotton Exchange Service writes:

"Your article in our last Year Book has attracted attention in India, and the manager of the Cotton Clearing House of the East India Cotton Association, Ltd., of Bombay has written to ask permission to reproduce it in the next issue of the Bombay Cotton Annual. This would be entirely agreeable to us, but I felt that we should ask your permission first. \* \* \* As you are doubtless aware, the East India Cotton Association, Ltd., conducts the Bombay Cotton Exchange, and its publication 'The Bombay Cotton Annual' is one of the authoritative cotton publications of India."



DECISIONS RENDERED UNDER  
THE GRAIN STANDARDS ACT.

Decisions of the Secretary of Agriculture, signed by Acting Secretary R. W. Dunlap, were rendered recently in connection with the investigation of certain interstate shipments of grain made by the Summit Grain Company of Denver, Colo. Hearings were afforded the company in Denver on November 13 and 14, 1930, under Section 5 of the U. S. Grain Standards Act.

One set of findings, involving 3 cars of grain (2 of bulk corn and 1 of sacked oats) reads:

"That each of the cars as herein set forth had been 'plugged', that is to say, each of them had been loaded so as to conceal material portions of grain located in the bottom of the cars that were distinctly inferior to the grain in the upper and remaining parts of said cars.

"That the fact that each of the said cars had been 'plugged' as above set forth rendered it practically impossible properly to inspect the grain contained therein and the facts just mentioned occasioned and were responsible for the incorrect grading at Denver, Colorado, of the said grain."

The second set of findings concerns a direct violation of Section 5 of the Grain Standards Act, and reads in part:

"The Summit Grain Company shipped in interstate commerce from Denver, Colorado, to Calexico, California, the sacked corn contained in car CBQ 115391, and under date of July 30, 1930, represented by means of its invoice to Garcia Bros. that the sacked corn was of the grade No. 2 White, and accepted payment for the car as if it were No. 2 White, whereas the said corn was inspected and graded at Denver, Colorado, by an inspector licensed under the United States Grain Standards Act, who issued his official certificate showing the grade thereof to be No. 6 Mixed, according to the official grain standards of the United States, and furnished the certificate to the Summit Grain Company."

ENDORSEMENT OF BUSINESS  
HOUSES BY BUREAU EMPLOYEES.

Recently there came to the attention of the Bureau a statement made by a licensed inspector which praised the equipment used by a particular firm and commended the quality of the products sold by that concern. The statement of the inspector was used in connection with a newspaper advertising campaign being carried on by the company in question. Obviously such statements are improper. Representatives of the Bureau, regardless of the capacity in which they serve, must at all times take an impartial attitude toward users of our services. The value of our inspection and grading work depends largely upon its impartial and disinterested character. Therefore, heads of divisions should instruct field representatives, including licensees, that no statement or interview which might be construed as an endorsement of any particular firm, especially when it is known that the statement is desired for public use, should be given without specific approval from Washington.

(Signed) NILS A. OLSEN.

COMMITTEE TO URGE ARMY TO BUY  
U. S. JOHNSON HAY NO. 2.

Markets for Alabama Johnson hay were discussed at a meeting held in Montgomery recently at which representatives of the Alabama Extension Service, the Alabama Department of Agriculture, and a number of producers were present, together with K. B. Seeds of the Washington office and A. D. Harlan of the Atlanta office of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division. The principal subject discussed was methods to induce the U. S. Army to purchase U. S. No. 2 Johnson hay for use at Army posts in the southeast. The fact was brought out at the meeting that the Army had purchased this grade formerly but had discontinued it some years ago because so much hay of this grade arrived out of condition during certain seasons of the year. At the conclusion of the meeting a committee was appointed to take up the matter again with the War Department in an effort to get them to buy U. S. No. 2 Johnson hay, provided it was given Federal-State inspection at shipping point with the privilege of reinspection at destination.

Mr. Seeds and Mr. Harlan then went to New Orleans to look into a number of matters pertaining to the marketing and inspection of beans, soybeans, and hay. The principal result of their visit was a meeting of the Bean Committee of the New Orleans Board of Trade at which most of the bean buyers of the city were present and at which a resolution was adopted providing that on and after June 1, 1931, all firms represented at the meeting would buy beans from California only on the basis of a Federal inspection certificate being furnished with the beans. The committee also arranged to have a Federal bean and soybean inspector trained and licensed by the Department.

MR. EDLER SAVES RED CROSS THOUSANDS  
OF DOLLARS, SAYS CHAIRMAN.

The services of G. C. Elder, Division of Hay, Feed and Seed, when detailed to the American Red Cross recently, won for him a fine word of praise from John Barton Payne, Chairman. Mr. Payne wrote Secretary Hyde:

"During his assignment to our office Mr. Edler has been most helpful in many ways. The Red Cross is distributing 507,000 packages of garden seed to families in the drouth area. One package goes to each farmer seriously affected by the drouth and each package contains sufficient seed to plant a garden that will provide fresh vegetables for a family of five until September. Mr. Elder has assisted us in purchasing this garden seed by advising us as to varieties and sources of seed. In performing this service he has undoubtedly saved the Red Cross thousands of dollars.

He also advised us concerning other agricultural problems arising in our drouth relief work and, whenever necessary, has secured additional information from other specialists in the United States Department of Agriculture. He has been capable, helpful and cooperative at all times and has worked day and night in assisting the Red Cross to bring prompt relief to the drouth sufferers. His pleasing personality has made him a friend of all members of our staff with whom he was associated."



IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending April 3 are:

American sugar refining company. Annual report, 1930. [New York, 1930]  
34 p. 65.9 Am3

Bunge, Alejandro E. La economia Argentina... Buenos Aires, Agencia general de librerias y publicaciones, 1928-30. 4 v. 280.16 B88.

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Canning trade. Almanac of the canning industry, 1931. Baltimore, 1931.  
194p. 286.83 C163.

D'Abernon, Edgar Vincent. The economic crisis; its causes and the cure, London, Hodder & Stoughton ltd. [1931] 30 p.

"Speech at the Liverpool chamber of commerce, November 14th, 1930":  
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Delaisi, Francis. Les deux Europes... Preface de Dannie Heineman... Paris Payot, 1929. 254 p. 280.17 D37.

Jewish agricultural society, inc. Annual report, 1930. [New York, 1930]  
36 p. 4 J55

Liaison committee of rural women's organizations. What the country women of the world are doing. London, 1929, 2v. 281.2 L612.

Reports of the 1st-2d International conference of rural women's organizations.

Macaulay, F. R. The smoothing of time series... New York, National bureau of economic research, incorporated, 1931. 172 p. (Publications of the National bureau of economic research, incorporated, no.19). 251 M12.

National industrial conference board, inc. Rationalization of German industry. New York, National industrial conference board, inc., 1931. 182 p. (Its Studies of international problems) 280.175 N21R

U. S. Congress. Senate. Committee on appropriations. Relief for farmers in drought or flood and storm stricken areas. Hearings ... 71st Congress, 3d sess. on H. J. Res. 447 ... Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1931. 17 p. 284.2 Un363.

Contains statement of Secretary Hyde and Dr. C. W. Warburton.

U. S. Congress. Senate. Committee on banking and currency. To extend time of payment of loans made by federal land banks. Hearing... 71st Congress, 3d sess. on S. 5057 ... January 16, 1931... Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1931. 36 p. 284.2 Un31 To

MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU DURING MARCH:

The following manuscripts were submitted to the Division of Publications during March:

Car-lob shipments of fruits and vegetables -- 1928 and 1929. For Statistical Bul.

The following articles have been approved for publication in the periodicals named:

Bean, L. H.: Book review: The Rôle of agricultural fluctuations in the business cycle, by Timoshenko. For Jour. of Business.

Booker, G. F.: Retail dealers tell why. For Seed Trade News.

Broxton, W.: Resumé of refrigerated warehouse space in the United States. For Food Industries.

Gibbons, C. E.: How Federal agency aids owners of livestock. For U. S. Daily.

Gray, L. C.: National land policies in retrospect and prospect. For Jour. of Farm Economics.

Hartman, W. A.: State policies in regulating land settlement activities. For Jour. of Farm Economics.

Manny, T. B.: Education and farmer cooperation. For School News.

Sherman, W. A.: Vegetables: A general survey.

Fruits: A general survey.

Citrus Fruits.

For Encyclopedia to be issued by Colliers.

Wall, N. J.: Book review: Principles of agricultural credit, by Virgil P. Lee. For American Economic Review

BUREAU NOON HOUR RADIO  
BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The radio program of the Department is broadcast daily, except Sundays, from 12:55 to 1:10 p. m., eastern standard time. During the week beginning April 14 only one Bureau representative will take part in the program, as follows:

April 16, 1:00 p.m., Dr. O. S. Stine, The Price Situation.

HERE AND THERE.

Dr. C. L. Holmes, In Charge, M. R. Cooper, and S. W. Mendum, Division of Farm Management and Costs, spent April 3 and 4 in Winchester, Va., in conference with representatives of the agricultural experiment stations of Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania, and with others regarding the place of the orchard in the organization of the farm, the subject of a cooperative study being conducted in the Cumberland-Shenandoah region.

There has been a marked improvement in the condition of Fred L. Garlock, Division of Agricultural Finance, who was operated on last week at the Naval Hospital for a mastoid. His co-workers hope for his early recovery.



W. F. Callander, In Charge, Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, will leave Washington April 10 for Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, for the purpose of inspecting the field offices in the various States, to confer with representatives of cooperating agencies, and to arrange for a program of crop and dairy reports for the 1931 season.

Seven field representatives of the Warehouse Division are in Washington this week for a conference with Washington officials of the division. Inspection methods, field warehousing, and other subjects are under discussion with the view to effecting a satisfactory coordination of the work in the North and in the South. Visiting representatives are: John W. Savage and H. E. Gifford, Portland, Oreg.; W. H. Holliday and G. H. Roessig, Omaha, Nebr.; Robert Waldie, Wichita, Kans.; C. B. Burns and Hans Aabel, Indianapolis, Ind.

G. S. Meloy, Division of Cotton Marketing, will attend a meeting of the Seed Grading Committee of the National Cottonseed Products Association on April 10, and on April 11 a meeting of the Chemists Committee of that Association, in Hot Springs, Ark. On the 13th and 14th he will attend a meeting in that city of the Arkansas Cottonseed Crushers Association, at which he will discuss the problems of grading cottonseed.

Malcolm E. Campbell of the Division of Cotton Marketing, with headquarters at Clemson College, S. C., has been in Washington recently for the purpose of conferring with division officials about work in progress and to plan for new spinning work in connection with the division's standardization and utilization studies of cotton. This week he will make a trip to Philadelphia to inspect special equipment for testing work, and to Orange, N. J., to visit the U. S. Rubber Company's textile laboratory, in order to familiarize himself with new and improved apparatus and methods and determine their adaptability to the Bureau's cotton fiber and spinning studies.

Ralph E. Winfrey has been appointed, effective April 13, as a Junior Marketing Specialist. He will report for training in the Chicago market news office, Fruit and Vegetable Division. Mr. Winfrey is a graduate of the University of Arkansas. He has had several years' experience in farming, and during 1927, 1928 and 1929 served as a licensed inspector with the Federal State inspection service at points in Oklahoma, Missouri and Arkansas.

Lawrence Myers, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, took part in a meeting of Vocational Education Workers of the South in Tulsa, Oklahoma, April 6. He discussed the agricultural outlook work as a part of vocational education in agriculture, and entered into the round-table conferences. Bureau officials believe that the teaching of vocational agriculture affords an exceptionally fine opportunity for getting outlook information to farmers. The evening classes of adults alone include this year from 75,000 to 80,000 farmers.

And now they've "Let George do it" The Hay, Feed and Seed Division's very popular bachelor, George C. Edler, has popped the question to Miss Edna M. Popp, of Hubbard Woods, Illinois, and the wedding is scheduled to take place in June. Congratulations!

Supervisors Rothrock and Gilbert of New York, Anderson of Baltimore, and Kirkwood of Norfolk, Grain Division, were in Washington April 3 for conference with Supervisor Nelson of the Board of Review of Chicago, regarding a survey of wheat stocks for the Stabilization Corporation.

L. E. Newcomer, Junior Marketing Specialist, was appointed April 1 in the Atlanta office of the market news service of the Division of Fruits and Vegetables. Mr. Newcomer received his B. S. degree from the University of Maryland in 1926, since when he has at various times been employed as a licensed inspector of fruits and vegetables in the southeastern States.

A preliminary confidential report on a study of the relation of weather to wheat yields has been submitted to Mr. Olsen. Verne H. Church, Senior Agricultural Statistician, has been in Washington since early in February working on this problem and has obtained some rather interesting results, which may be of considerable value in forecasting yields early in the season.

Miss Ingeborg H. Lumbord, Junior-Typist in the Personnel Section, has transferred to the Department of the Interior to take a position in her home town, Muskogee, Okla. Miss Ruth Goodin, of the Clerical Pool, who has been assisting with the work of the Estimates and Special Reports unit, has been detailed to fill the vacancy in the Personnel Section.

Associates of Miss Anna Mae Turner of the Warehouse Division were very happy to have her return to the office last week after an extended absence on account of injuries received last December when she was struck by a truck.

The Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates called Miss Sara Skinner back to the office on March 31 to receive a pretty hand bag containing 4 \$10 gold pieces as a parting gift from her former associates. As reported in the last issue of The B. A. E. News, Miss Skinner has retired from the service after completing 37 years of service. In presenting the gift on behalf of the division, Mr. Callander said that ever since she had been one of the staff, the name of Miss Skinner and the word "efficiency" had been synonymous.

The Tobacco Section will be on annual leave and at the office at one and the same time, from 12 o'clock to 1:00, Saturday, April 11. The explanation of this puzzling statement is that T.S. has moved into new quarters, a fine old residence at 215 - 8th, S. W., and is so proud of itself that a housewarming will be held at the time stipulated. They invite their friends to drop in for a smoke or a chew (of salad or whatever it is the girls plan to serve.)



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## NEW ECONOMIC EXTENSION UNIT ADDS TO ITS STAFF.

A staff of seven men now composes the agricultural economic extension unit, created cooperatively by the Extension Service and the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. This unit is assisting the State extension services in formulating and carrying out economics extension programs. It is also assisting in disseminating to extension workers the information made available in the work of this Bureau. A part of the staff is detailed for work relating to special commodities, such as cotton, livestock, early potatoes, potatoes of the Northwest, and tobacco, continuing also the work in farm management demonstrations.

The technical staff of the unit now includes: H. M. Dixon, Senior Farm Economist, chairman; Eugene Merritt, Extension Economist; A. E. Mercker, Potato Marketing Specialist; James K. Wallace, employed cooperatively with the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, Livestock Marketing and Grading Specialist; R. M. Cooper, Jr., employed cooperatively with the States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, Tobacco Marketing Specialist. F. A. Merrill, formerly Associate Editor of the Extension Service Review, will handle publications for the unit. The office staff consists of Miss Meta A. Faulconer, Miss Maude Witham, Mrs. V. M. Kelly, and Miss Nellie McCormick.

D. W. Watkins, Senior Extension Economist, who has recently come into the work, has been Assistant Director of Extension at Clemson Agricultural College, South Carolina. He will give particular attention to economic work in the southern States.

Dr. M. C. Bond, Senior Extension Economist, formerly Extension Economist at Cornell University, began his new work here April 1. He is employed in cooperation with Cornell University and will devote his attention to farm management and marketing work.

C. R. Arnold, now Assistant Professor of Rural Economics and Farm Management Demonstration of Ohio State University, is expected to take up his work in the unit in June. He will be assigned to regional outlook and farm management extension.

All of these men are well known in the Bureau, since they have been identified with outlook work for several years. Our staff will welcome the opportunity to work more closely with them.

The unit has not been consolidated owing to lack of space in one building. Mr. Merritt and Miss McCormick are located at 220 - 14th Street, S. W., while the rest of the staff are occupying rooms 710, 712, 805 and 806 in the Bieber Building.

PLANS DEVELOP FOR GRADING AND CERTIFICATION  
SERVICE FOR CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The Agricultural Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1932 provides \$30,000 for developing a service for the grading and certification of canned fruits and vegetables. Grades have been promulgated for use in the administration of the United States Warehouse Act for several canned vegetables, and considerable work has been done in the Warehouse Division on other canned fruits and vegetables. It is believed, however, that with the extensive inspection service now available for fresh fruits and vegetables, the new service can be developed by the Fruit and Vegetable Division at less cost than if developed under the Warehouse Act. By a memorandum issued by Mr. Olsen on March 31, 1931, this new activity has accordingly been assigned to the Fruit and Vegetable Division.

Paul M. Williams and Loyde M. Billman, now members of the Warehouse Division, will transfer to the Fruit and Vegetable Division on July 1, when the new appropriation becomes available. Examinations have been announced by the Civil Service Commission for the positions of Associate Marketing Specialist (Canned Foods) and Assistant Marketing Specialist (Canned Foods), as a result of which it is expected to obtain additional personnel.

Considerable preparatory work will be done prior to July 1, including plans for handling the numerous details involved and the drafting of necessary rules and regulations. In the development of this service careful consideration will be given to the needs of the Warehouse Division in the grading of canned foods and vegetables stored in licensed warehouses.

In addition to the work which has been done in the Warehouse Division, in establishing grades for canned fruits and vegetables, it will be necessary to provide standards for all of these products which are of commercial importance.

It is anticipated that to an increasing extent contracts of purchasing departments of the Government will be based primarily upon the grades recommended by this Department, and that deliveries will be required according to the inspection and certification of this Bureau.

The number of points outside of Washington at which the grading service on canned fruits and vegetables will be undertaken will depend upon the demand which develops, but the number will necessarily be small during the next fiscal year.

MARKET NEWS SERVICE  
TO EXTEND TO TOBACCO.

Arrangements for a market news service on tobacco are being made in the Tobacco Section. It is hoped to extend the service by the time the 1931 marketing season opens in Georgia and Florida about August 1.

Tentative plans include the setting up of temporary field offices in selected markets, to be known as "key markets," one in each of the important tobacco districts where tobacco is sold at auction. The selection of "key markets" will probably be from among those where the Federal-State tobacco grading service is in effect, but methods will be adopted for the



inclusion in reports of information from other markets in the respective districts. Daily, weekly, and monthly reports will be issued. The use of special reporters to furnish weekly comments on the cigar tobacco districts is being considered.

BUREAU HOLDS HEARING  
ON GRAIN INSPECTION.

A hearing was held April 7, in Washington, at which Mr. Olsen presided, on a proposed regulation under the U. S. Grain Standards Act. The proposed regulation is as follows:

"In the case of grain sold by grade and shipped in interstate or foreign commerce without inspection, from a point at which no licensed inspector is located, destined to a point at which no such inspector is located, and which passes en route through an inspection point market meeting the conditions outlined below, the licensed inspector shall inspect, grade, and certificate the grade of such grain at a reasonable fee and without discrimination, and shall furnish a copy of the inspection certificate to the shipper thereof. The inspection points to which this provision shall apply are those markets at which there is an organized grain exchange which (1) requires of its members by published rule or by-law that all grain arriving at said market which has not been previously inspected shall be inspected, graded and certificated; (2) has made satisfactory arrangements with railroad companies to bulletin daily with the inspection department the receipts of all grain arriving at said market; and (3) has notified the Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics that these conditions have been met."

The grain exchanges of Buffalo, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Chicago, Toledo, Pittsburgh, Baltimore and Philadelphia were represented at the hearing. Interior shippers were represented by E. T. Cusenbory, Sidney, Ohio.

A record of the hearing was made and is now under consideration by the Bureau. No decision has been reached as to whether the proposed regulation will be promulgated. There is likelihood that further hearings may be held on the subject.

BUREAU NOON HOUR RADIO  
BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The radio program of the Department is broadcast daily, except Sundays, from 12:55 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following members of this Bureau are on the program for the week beginning April 20:

April 21, 1:00 p.m., C. V. Whalin, April Lamb Markets

April 23, 1:00 p.m., C. A. Burmeister, April Hog Markets

The program for the week of April 14, announced in the last issue of The B. A. E. News, has been changed to include another Bureau member. That week's program is now as follows:

April 16, 1:00 p.m., Dr. O. C. Stine, The Price Situation

1:00 p.m., C. L. Harlan, The Cattle Feeding Situation in  
April

STANDARD CONTAINER ACT VIOLATIONS  
HANDLED IN AND OUT OF COURT.

Three thousand illegal six-quart diamond weave splint baskets were found recently in the possession of R. Leaf, commission merchant of Birmingham, Alabama. T. C. Baker of the Standard Container project brought this case to light when making a general investigational survey of fruit and vegetable containers throughout the southern States. As nearly as could be determined in the absence of definite records, the baskets were purchased by Mr. Leaf some time prior to November 1, 1929, the effective date of the Standard Container Act of 1928. The case was settled as far as the possession of the baskets by Mr. Leaf is concerned by his voluntary offer to destroy the baskets in Mr. Baker's presence. This was done and Mr. Baker is now tracing back to determine whether the sale of the baskets to Mr. Leaf was in violation of the Standard Container Act.

Another case under the Standard Container Act, involving the illegal sale of non-standard 14-quart hampers by L. G. Tolles, a farmer of Plantsville, Connecticut, has been closed. The defendant entered a plea of nolle contendere and was fined \$5.00 on the first count and \$100.00 on the second count, the second fine being remitted and the defendant placed on probation in charge of his counsel. Judge Hincks spoke from the bench and said that the light fine imposed in this case was not to be considered as a precedent.

ORGANIZATION OF PROFESSIONAL  
EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Opportunity is being afforded professional employees to join the Organization of Professional Employees of the Department which was formed in the spring of 1929. Through the distribution in Washington and the field of a descriptive circular and an application blank for membership, it is hoped to determine how wide an interest there is among the staff in an organization of this kind. Until this time membership has not been solicited, but the work of organizing and of drafting a constitution has been accomplished on a representative basis, a council having been formed for this purpose of 2 members from each Bureau. The Bureau is represented on this council by Joseph A. Becker and Miss Emily Clark. Mr. Becker is also Secretary-Treasurer of the organization.

The circular now in the hands of employees gives a detailed description of the formation of the organization and sets forth the constitution. Attention is called particularly to Article III, referring to membership, as follows:

"The personnel of the Department of Agriculture allocated to the professional and sub-professional groups and such persons now allocated to other groups as may be determined by the Membership Committee of this organization to be professionally qualified, shall be eligible for membership, and shall become members on indication of their desire for such membership."



BUREAU BREVITIES.

MARKETING APPLES GROWN IN THE CUMBERLAND-SHENANDOAH REGION is the subject treated in Tech. Bul. 234, now off the press. It is a cooperative bulletin of which C. R. Swinson is the senior author. Members of this Bureau that are mentioned in the footnote are: S. W. Mendum, J. W. Park, and M. R. Cooper. This is one of the series of publications the Bureau is publishing from time to time on various phases of the apple industry.

THE TEXAS COTTON GROWERS FINANCE CORPORATION, by William H. Rowe, is a preliminary report of a study planned and initiated in cooperation with the Division of Cooperative Marketing, now of the Federal Farm Board. Footnote credit is given to Fred L. Garlock for assistance, and to Mrs. Martha Marceron Adams for the preparation of the statistical material.

FARM CREDIT IN THE SOUTH, the address of David L. Wickens at the 32nd Annual Convention of the Association of Southern Agricultural Workers, at Atlanta, Ga., February 4-6, 1931, is now in mimeographed form for distribution.

ESTIMATED NUMBERS OF APPLE TREES by Varieties and Ages in Commercial Orchards in Oregon, just issued, adds another to the preliminary cooperative reports released recently for various States as a part of an economic study of the apple industry of the United States. W. H. Youngman, Division of Farm Management and Costs, prepared the estimates, information for which was collected by F. L. Kent, Associate Agricultural Statistician in Oregon, Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates.

RICE AND RICE PRODUCTS, another of the Foreign Trade Reports of the United States prepared by Caroline G. Gries, has been released as Report F. S. 53. This series gives information for the years 1790 to 1930, inclusive.

MARKETING EASTERN SHORE POTATOES, a summary of the 1930 season by V. H. Nicholson, has been released by the Division of Fruits and Vegetables in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Immigration and the Maryland State Department of Markets.

SMUTTY WHEAT, Report No. 12, is a quarterly summary compiled from monthly reports of grain graded by inspectors licensed under the U. S. Grain Standards Act from the Offices of Federal Grain Supervision. This report, for the months of July, August and September, 1930, was prepared by E. G. Boerner, this Bureau; R. J. Haskell, Office of Cooperative Extension Work and Bureau of Plant Industry; and F. C. Meier, Bureau of Plant Industry.

A STUDY OF THE VARIABLE COMPOSITION OF COTTON SEED, by G. S. Meloy, Division of Cotton Marketing, is now available as an eighteen-page mimeographed report.

NEBRASKA-THEN AND NOW, a pamphlet just released by the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture, is a discussion by A. E. Anderson, Agricultural Statistician of this Bureau in Nebraska, of the progress of agriculture in Nebraska over 50 years. The subject matter of this pamphlet was taken from an article prepared by Mr. Anderson for a paper of another State. It was printed in State papers and brought forth editorial comment and congratulatory letters. The Nebraska State Publicity Department arranged for the publication of the material in its present form. Accompanying the text are photographs vividly contrasting the conditions of "Then and Now."

IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending April 10 are:

Ascoli, W. S. The cotton report; its value to Lancashire... London, Williams & Norgate, ltd., 1930. 31p. 72 As2.

Graham, Frank Dunstone. Exchange, prices, and production in hyper-inflation: Germany, 1920-1923,... Princeton, University press, 1930. 362p. (Princeton university. Dept. of economics and social institutions. International finance section. Publications v.1) 284 G76.

International conference of agricultural economists 2d, Ithaca, N.Y., 1930. Proceedings of the second International conference of agricultural economist, held at Cornell university, Ithaca, New York, August 18 to August 29, 1930. Menasha, Wis., George Banta publishing company, 1930. 1079p. 281.9 In82.

Lawrence, Joseph Stagg. Banking concentration in the United States; a critical analysis... New York, The Bankers publishing co. [1930] 318p. 284L43.

Manley, Basil Maxwell. The farmer's tax burden; equalization of taxation as a means of direct farm relief, by Basil Manly and C. M. Kelley ... Washington, The Rawleigh foundation, 1930. 32p. 284.5 M31.

New Hampshire. Agricultural experiment station, Durham. Research in agricultural economics in the northeastern states. A classified list of active and complete projects conducted... by the agricultural experiment stations of the northeastern states ... 1910 - 1930 together with titles of publications on the same. [Durham, N. H., 1930?] 66 p. Mimeographed. 241.3 N423.

Papers on Indian states development. London, East and West, ltd., [1930] 143p. 280.18 P19.

Persons, W. M. Forecasting business cycles... New York, J. Wiley & sons, inc., 1931. 295p. 280 P432F.

U. S. Congress. House. Committee on agriculture. Agricultural marketing act amendment. Hearing... 71st Cong., 3d sess. February 17, 1931. Serial X. Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1931. 43 p. 280.3 Un33Ag.

U. S. Congress. Senate. Committee on appropriations. Relief for farmers in drought or flood and storm stricken areas. Hearings ... 71st Congress, 3d sess. on H. J. Res. 447... Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1931. 17 p. 284.2 Un363.



HERE AND THERE.

William I. Holt, senior marketing specialist, is to become acting chairman of the Board of Cotton Examiners at the Charleston, S. C., office of the Division of Cotton Marketing. He was due to report for duty in Charleston on April 13. Mr. Holt represented this Bureau in Europe from October, 1924, until February of this year, first as a member of the Division of Cotton Marketing and more recently as a member of the Foreign Agricultural Service Division. His original headquarters were in London, England; later he moved to Havre, France. In his foreign assignment his activities were essentially in the nature of service to holders and users of the Universal Standards for American cotton. In the last two years he endeavored to assist the European cotton trade in its use of the Official Cotton Standards for Length of Staple.

Dr. L. C. Gray, in charge, Division of Land Economics, will attend the semi-annual meeting of the Academy of Political Science, to be held at the Hotel Astor in New York City on April 24, and will deliver an address entitled, "Responsibility of Overproduction for Agricultural Depression."

W. A. Sherman, in charge, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, left Washington Monday for points in the North Central States and elsewhere. He is making the trip particularly to confer with State officials and Bureau employees in Minneapolis and Fargo regarding cooperative agreements and the future program of work. Mr. Sherman expects to be absent six or eight days.

George A. Lamb, junior agricultural economist in the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, has been awarded one of the five Lord Strathcona fellowships offered by Yale University for the study of transportation in its Graduate School during 1931-32.

D. E. Earle, Memphis, Tenn., John T. Eagan, Austin, Tex., and John W. Wright, El Paso, Tex., are in Washington for a brief stay for the purpose of conferring in regard to their work in the field with officials of the Division of Cotton Marketing.

Walter E. Botsford, farm manager of the Federal Prison Camp Farm at Camp Lee, Virginia, spent several days last week visiting the Division of Farm Management and Costs and other activities of the Department, to consult with workers relative to problems connected with the operation and development of the Camp Lee Farm. Mr. Botsford reported that the prisoners at Camp Lee take kindly to the farm work and are industrious. C. L. Goodrich of the Division of Farm Management and Costs assisted last year in organizing this farm.

At a meeting of 30 New York State cherry canners and cold packers in Rochester, April 7, it was unanimously voted to adopt the proposed U. S. grades for cannery cherries. Twenty-four canners asked for inspection on the basis of these grades during the coming season.

Dr. O. E. Baker, Division of Land Economics, will give a talk on "The Trend in Consumption of Agricultural Products," before members of the Washington Academy of Science at the Cosmos Club on April 16.

Leander D. Howell, Division of Cotton Marketing, spoke at the State-Wide Meeting held in Oklahoma City, Okla., April 9, on the subject, "Farm Prices of Cotton as Related to Quality."

Paul M. Williams, Warehouse Division, discussed the coding, warehousing, and grading of canned foods under the U. S. Warehouse Act at a meeting of the Tri-State Packers Association in Baltimore, Md., April 10.

Everybody knows that W. A. DeVaughan is officially concerned with increased personnel, but recently they learned that this question is now of greater interest to him domestically. A little fellow, Robert Lawrence, born April 10, is responsible for Mr. DeVaughan's change of attitude.

On account of increased color work in the preparation of models in connection with standardization, Mrs. Pearl Wilson has been temporarily employed in the Photographic Laboratory to assist with this work.

Thew D. Johnson, Division of Farm Management and Costs, was on vacation last week in South Carolina.

Miss Julia Collier, formerly of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, has been assigned to assist Miss Emily Clark, in charge of the Estimates and Reports Section. Miss Collier was a member of the Fruit and Vegetable Division for 13 years, for 5 years associated with the market news service and 8 years with the work in the office of the Head Clerk, Mrs. Ethel Mills.

Washington friends are pleased to learn that Mrs. Wanda K. Faulwetter, associate cotton technologist, stationed at the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research, Yonkers, N. Y., is recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

The rapid improvement in the condition of James G. Cross, Transportation Specialist, following a recent operation in a hospital in Richmond, Va., is very gratifying to Bureau friends. Mrs. Cross informed members of the Fruit and Vegetable Division on Monday that her husband had been able to leave the hospital on the preceding Saturday.

Miss Mary C. Martin, Division of Farm Management and Costs, is just back from two weeks' vacation in Florida. She made the trip by boat.

Those who attended the house warming given by the Tobacco Section last Saturday in their new quarters at 215 - 8th Street, S.W., found the reception warm indeed in the friendly spirit of the staff. Several open fire places with tiled hearths, and many windows, large rooms, high ceilings, and fine floors throughout the house, while leaving the distinct impression of domestic comforts do not detract from the official setting. We liked all of these things, and there was besides, good coffee to drink, tobacco to smoke, and other good things to chew.



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# THE B. A. E. NEWS

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## BUREAU GRADES LAMB TO MEET A TRADE DEMAND.

The grading of dressed lamb according to Department standards is a new service in the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool. Recently such a service was introduced in St. Louis, Mo., Detroit, Mich., Buffalo, N.Y., and Erie, Pa.

The guaranty of quality which the Bureau's grade stamp on beef has carried, has popularized that feature of work and created a demand by the trade for a similar service which would allow equal confidence in the purchase of lamb. The division hopes soon to extend the new service to points where the need is most pressing and gradually to install it in all the cities where the beef grading service is now available, namely, in addition to the four above-named cities, in New York City, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, Baltimore, Kansas City, Mo., Omaha, Sioux City, Ia., Wichita, Topeka and Arkansas City, Kans., and Washington, D. C.

The stamp used in this work like the one used in beef grading was made by J. F. Barghausen, Technologist of the Bureau. Operating by means of a roller, it places the grade designation on each side of the back bone, the full length of the carcass, so as to indicate the grade on each retail cut.

## MR. WICKENS MAKES SPECIAL STUDY FOR FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD.

At the request of the Federal Reserve Board, the Bureau has granted David L. Wickens, Agricultural Economist, Division of Agricultural Finance, sufficient leave of absence to make a study of bank failures and the branch banking movement in the United States as related to agriculture. The fact that most of the bank failures during the past decade have occurred in the agricultural areas of the country makes this study of particular importance to people interested in agriculture.

This study will constitute a part of the work of a special committee on branch, group, and chain banking in the United States, the report of which is expected to be completed within the current year. E. A. Goldenweiser, formerly of the Department of Agriculture and now director of research work in the Federal Reserve Board, is chairman of the committee. J. H. Riddle, formerly with the Reparations Commission at Berlin, is executive secretary.

Arrangements have been made whereby Mr. Wickens will be permitted to carry along with this study the research work which he has in progress in the Division of Agricultural Finance.

### CHEESE INTERESTS MEET TO DISCUSS IMPROVED MARKETING PRACTICES.

L. M. Davis, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, represented the Bureau at a meeting April 13, in Madison, Wis., of dairy men, cheese makers, and cheese dealers, at which cheese marketing methods and practices were discussed with a view to their improvement. The conference was called by the Cheese Board Investigation Committee, composed of 13 regular members and 3 ex-officio members. Mr. Davis served as one of the ex-officio members, the other two being Dr. E. H. Hibbard of the Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin, and Commissioner H. M. Knipfel of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture and Markets.

The appointment of the Cheese Board Investigation Committee followed the meeting of protest which was held at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, some time ago, at which meeting there was considerable criticism of the Cheese Call Boards at Plymouth. The committee was requested to assume 2 responsibilities: (1) to set up a new or improved system of establishing prices for cheese in Wisconsin; and (2) to set up a new system of grading cheese.

Another meeting of this committee has been called for Tuesday, April 28, at Fond du Lac, Wis., at which time it is expected that the principal topic for consideration will be trading rules on the Cheese Call Boards. In the meantime, members of the committee are working on proposed revisions of the rules.

### NEWS STAFF MEETS DAILY TO KEEP UP WITH MARKET CONDITIONS.

A scheme for keeping the market news staff in closer touch with current marketing developments has been adopted by the New York office of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division. Division heads believe the idea an excellent one and a decided step forward in the right direction. Accordingly, when the following letter was received recently from B. F. McCarthy, in charge of the New York office, other offices in which the division maintains a staff of several reporters were immediately advised of procedure:

"I thought you might be interested to know just how we are handling your special releases on the economics of the livestock and meat industry from a reportorial standpoint. Each release is being studied by each market reporter and then we have meetings in the afternoon after our work is out of the way and discuss all of the points we find in them. This is done by assigning a reporter to lead each discussion. He is unrestrained and, of course, I am subjected to the same interrogation as the others. Since this has been done, all reporters are finding a great deal of interest and benefit in it and are unquestionably placed in a stronger position to intelligently discuss the economic features with those they meet in the trade, and should have a better background for writing daily reports and weekly reviews.

"Dr. Albrecht (New York State Department of Agriculture) is very anxious that members of his staff sit in at these meetings, and Mr. Royce (N.Y. S. D. of A.) attended one yesterday, incidentally, furnishing us with considerable intimate information regarding conditions in New York State."



### FEDERAL PENITENTIARY FARMING PROJECT GETS UNDER WAY.

C. L. Goodrich, of Farm Management and Costs, has recently visited the 1,000-acre farm of the Northeastern Federal Penitentiary in process of construction at Lewisburg, Pa. One object of the trip was to inspect proposed sites for a propagating house and cold frames in which the prisoners will start plants of early cabbage, lettuce, celery, tomatoes, etc., to be grown in the 150-acre vegetable garden. A location was also tentatively selected for the construction of a bank or basement natural storage plant for 12 to 15 thousand bushels of apples, potatoes, roots, cabbage and other vegetables, and a canning plant where the prisoners will preserve about a hundred tons of string beans, tomatoes, peaches and other vegetables and fruits for use during the months they cannot be had fresh from the field. About 200 acres of land left open by retiring owners are being seeded in small grain and clover for the protection and improvement of the land preparatory to the establishment of a systematic cropping system when the prisoners begin to arrive in 1932.

### MEN FINISH EXCITING BOWLING SEASON.

After a close, exciting race in the men's Agricultural Economics Bowling League, which was not settled until the last night, April 13, Farm Management nosed out Cooperation by one game for first place. Trailing in the following order were Horticulture, Nomics, Grain, Standards, Crop Estimates, and Fruits and Vegetables. The High Team Sets were Horticulture 1598, Grain 1590, Nomics 1578. The High Team Games were Grain 581, Horticulture 569, Cooperation 558. The individual records were as follows: High Individual Set, W. H. Rohrman 392, Harry Dixon 385, W. E. Lewis 366, High Individual Game, M. R. Cooper 154, H. A. Miller 146, W. H. Rohrman 146. The high averages for the season were Harry Dixon 109, W. E. Lewis 106, D. N. Hevener 104, H. A. Miller 104, W. H. Rohrman 103.

### AGGIE TEAMS FINISH SEVENTH AND NINTH IN LADIES FEDERAL LEAGUE.

In the Ladies Federal League, Agriculture came out seventh in the finals in competition with 13 other teams. Economics, entered as the second Agricultural team, finished ninth. Throughout the season the latter had consistently held eighth place, but on the last night it tied with Labor.

Mrs. Alice McQuinn of the Section of Property and Supplies, bowling with Agriculture, captured prizes for the sixth high league average and for high game of the season (150) which she made on the opening night.

Team prizes were awarded to Mrs. Bertha Greevy and Mrs. Mae Perry, Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, of the Agricultural team, and to Mrs. Elsie Romero, Photographic Laboratory, and Miss Kathryn MacKinnon, Division of Farm Management and Costs, of the Economics team.

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April 27, 1:00 Roy C. Potts, April Poultry Markets

April 29, 1:10 p.m., L. M. Davis, April Dairy Markets

April 30, 1:00 p.m., G. A. Collier, April Wheat Markets

May 1, 12:52 p.m., (special schedule), A. B. Genung, Comments on the  
Agricultural Situation

FURNITURE FOR USE IN  
FEDERAL BUILDINGS.

The Business Manager calls attention to the procedure in securing furniture and handling property accountability for office furniture in Federal Buildings. Under the provisions of the law making the appropriation from which furniture for Federal buildings is purchased, the Treasury Department claims the temporary ownership of all furniture used in the rooms in such buildings because it is the property of the United States, whether the same has been purchased by the Treasury Department or by some other branch of the service. Therefore, when Bureau offices move into a Federal building, the Treasury Department becomes the custodian of the furniture immediately and will purchase such additional articles as may be needed, so far as its funds are available. Any furniture purchased by the Bureau from its own appropriation will also be carried as Treasury Department property. If it is necessary to move from the Federal building at a later date, or should the conditions under which the office is operating change in such a way that the furniture purchased by the Bureau is not needed by any of its offices in the building, then request will be made on the Treasury Department to permit its removal for use elsewhere.

It is believed the transfer can best be accomplished by the employee in charge of the Bureau office, having the building custodian inventory the articles for which he should assume responsibility. A list of these items can then be made on Form AE-70 and the transaction handled in the manner of an intra-Bureau transfer. The term "furniture" has been construed to mean only such items as ordinarily would be supplied by the Treasury Department in equipping Federal buildings and does not include such property as special equipment and laboratory apparatus.

When entry has been made on the Bureau records by the property auditor, the field officer will be relieved of further responsibility for the property and should not include it on his annual inventory report.

If additional furniture should later be required for the operation of the office, application should be made to the building custodian for the assignment by him of such articles, before requisition is forwarded to Washington for purchase by the Bureau.



IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending April 17 are:

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Carney, Hugh. How to end the panic and make prosperity, Boston, The Thurward press [1931] 44p. 280.12 C21.

International institute of agriculture. L'organisation publique et libre de l'agricjlture dans les divers pays... Rome, Imprimerie de l'Institut international d'agriculture, 1930. 281 In820

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Netherlands. Butter control stations. The Dutch control under government supervision. Under superintendence of the Board of managers of the Dutch butter control stations. Zwolle, Firma H. Tulp [1929] 19 p. 44 N383.

U. S. Congress. House. Committee on agriculture. Cotton classification, investigation of cotton exchanges, agricultural marketing act amendment cottonseed grading, nursery site in Cherry county, Nebr., coordinate fiscal business of Department of agriculture and Alaska game commission, use and occupancy of national forest lands. Hearing... Seventy-first Congress, third session. January 26, 27, 28, and February 5, 6, 1931. Serial V. Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1931. 71 p. 72 Un33C.

U. S. Congress. House. Committee on banking and currency. Relief to farm loan borrowers. Hearing... Seventy-first Congress, third session, on H.R. 16217, To amend section 32 of the act of Congress approved July 17, 1916, known as the Federal farm loan act, by adding thereto a section to be known as section 32-A, and other federal farm loan bills. January 20, 21, 22, and 30, 1931. Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1931. 188 p. 284.2 Un32Re.

U. S. Congress. House. Committee on rules. Flood control, drainage, levee districts. Hearing... 71st Congress, 3d sess. on S. 4123... January 27, 28, and 29, 1931. Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1931. 97 p. 284.2 Un322.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

A SURVEY OF THE UNITED STATES BULB INDUSTRY, a preliminary report by R. G. Hill, has been released recently by the Fruit and Vegetable Division. This survey was made to locate districts of production of bulbs, the kind and quantity of bulbs produced in these districts, and to study the distribution and marketing practices throughout the country. The results of this survey are tentative only.

RECENT GRADING OF MEATS by W. C. Davis, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, at the National Soldiers' Home, Johnson City, Tenn., has been a distinct benefit, according to a letter from W. E. Martin, Commissary of Subsistence. Mr. Martin writes: "Please allow me to thank you again for the wonderful help and great benefit your trip was to us down here. We have turned down another shipment of beef since you were here and three shipments of frankfurters. I hope you will be coming to see us again, for I feel your visit here has been worth more to us than any other one thing that has happened."

COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE, Bulletin No. 6 of the Federal Farm Board recently off the press, credits the staff of the library of this Bureau "for valuable assistance and suggestions in the preparation of the manuscript. This publication formerly appeared as Miscellaneous Circular 11, later revised as Miscellaneous Circular 97 of this Department, under the authorship of Miss Chastina Gardner.

AN ANALYSIS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL LOAN ASSOCIATION, a preliminary report of a study by William H. Rowe, Division of Agricultural Finance, has been released in multigraphed form. Copies may be obtained from the Division of Economic Information. Acknowledgment of assistance is made, among others, to Fred L. Garlock. Mrs. Martha Marceron Adams is credited with the preparation of the statistical material.

RELATION BETWEEN PRODUCTION, PRICES, AND ACREAGE OF POTATOES IN IDAHO, abstracts of addresses by L. H. Bean, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, at meetings of the Pacific Northwest Potato Committee at Rupert, Idaho Falls, Burley, Jerome, Eden, and Caldwell, week of Feb. 23, 1931, has been mimeographed for distribution to those interested.

U. S. STANDARDS FOR FRESH SPINACH FOR CANNING (1931) have been issued in mimeographed form by the Fruit and Vegetable Division and are now being distributed.

PROTECTION AFFORDED THE CONSUMER UNDER THE UNITED STATES GRAIN STANDARDS ACT, a paper prepared by Willis B. Combs as a part of the educational activities of the Grain Division, has been mimeographed and may be obtained upon request.

RECENT MARKET SUMMARIES released by the Fruit and Vegetable Division include: Marketing Strawberries from the Ozark Section of Missouri, 1930 Season, by L. C. Tate; Marketing Texas Tomatoes, 1930 Season, (in cooperation with the Texas Department of Agriculture), by W. D. Googe.



HERE AND THERE.

Invitations have been extended to the wool trade to attend a conference to be held in Boston on April 22. The Bureau will be represented at this conference by Mr. Olsen, Mr. Kitchen, and George T. Willingmyre. The purpose of the conference is to discuss with the wool trade problems arising in connection with the Bureau's quarterly report of wool stocks. It is hoped that more complete reports will be obtained as a result of this conference.

F. J. Hughes, Business Manager, flew to Philadelphia last Thursday to attend to space and other business matters claiming attention in that city.

A fire occurred on April 14 in the building recently acquired for the United States Embassy at Berlin, Germany, and in which this Bureau has offices. At the time the Commercial Attaché and staff of the Department of Commerce and the Agricultural Attaché, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner, and staff of this Bureau were the only occupants. The offices, equipment and records of the Department of Commerce were completely destroyed. While this Bureau's space was badly damaged and is now unfit for occupancy, our records and equipment were preserved. Loyd V. Steere, Agricultural Attaché, has been authorized to find new office quarters for himself and D. F. Christie, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner, and their office assistants in Berlin.

H. J. Besley, in charge, Grain Division, left Washington Sunday for Chicago where he plans to spend 10 days with field officers of the Grain Supervision staff, consulting about the assembling of reports covering a survey of wheat stocks in terminal storage, with respect to its quality and condition.

The fine day, the absence of green charges, or "sumpin," must have been responsible for the large turnout of Department men at the Golf tournament April 16, when the Department Golf Association members were the guests of the Beaver Dam Country Club. The 92 Department contestants exceeded those in previous games by about 30 men. Bureau members were not among the winners this time, the prize for low gross score having gone to W. H. White, Bureau of Entomology, for low net score to C. E. Clement, Bureau of Dairy Industry, and the remaining prizes to 4 other men. L. A. Reynoldson, Chairman, announces that the next informal tournament will be held on April 30, at Potomac Park as usual.

Warner M. Buck, Wool Section, will judge wool and conduct grading demonstrations at a series of county wool shows in Ohio during the week of May 4. These exhibits will be held at Columbus, Cadiz, McConnellsville, Zanesville, Newark, Marysville, and Springfield.

The meeting of the Atlantic States Division of the National Association of Marketing Officials opened in the Bureau this morning (April 21), just as The B. A. E. News was going to press. Mr. Olsen gave the address of welcome and discussed briefly the value of closer relationship between the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, the various State Marketing Bureaus, and other agencies. Following Mr. Olsen, R. C. Butner, presented a paper on "The Operation Problems of State-Federal Shipping Point Inspection." W. A. Sherman, the third member of the Bureau on the program, gave an address entitled, "Progress Made Under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act and Supplementary State Legislation Having a Bearing on This Act."

Thirty delegates are attending this meeting. In an election of officers, Sidney A. Edwards, Director of Markets, Hartford, Conn., was named Chairman, and R. B. Ethridge, Chief Division of Markets, Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C., Secretary, for the coming year.

Miss Elizabeth B. Johnson, Time Clerk, has just returned from a week's vacation in New York City and Philadelphia. Miss Johnson is thrilled over having made the trip from New York to Philadelphia by airplane.

Associates of Miss Cornelia McAllister, Section of Property and Supplies, were much relieved last week when she began to show improvement in the critical condition which followed an operation for a mastoid. These co-workers have perhaps felt more than the usual interest and responsibility in their friend's condition because she has no relatives living nearer than California. The women in the section have taken turns in spending the afternoons at Miss McAllister's bedside at the hospital. She is now reported to be making splendid progress toward recovery.

M. C. Romberger, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, is spending the week on a trip to Youngstown and Girard, Ohio. He is meeting with members of the trade to discuss grades and standards for hides and skins.

William Broxton, in charge, Cold Storage Report Section, and Mrs. Broxton, left Washington by boat April 17 for Norfolk, Va. They will be on vacation for a week, spending several days at Virginia Beach.

Harry G. Shaffer, Cold Storage Report Section, has just returned from a pleasant motor trip. He visited Magnolia Gardens, Charleston, S. C.

Mrs. Irene Clark Womersley, former member of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, received a hearty welcome from her former associates when she visited the Bureau on Tuesday. Mrs. Womersley is spending several months in Washington.



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## CONFERENCE CONSIDERS MORE COMPLETE REPORTS ON WOOL STOCKS.

A conference was held by this Bureau on April 22 in the offices of the Chamber of Commerce in Boston with representatives of the wool industry to consider means whereby the quarterly reports of wool stocks issued by the Bureau could be made more complete. Mr. Olsen presided at the conference; Mr. Kitchen and George T. Willingmyre were the other Washington representatives of the Bureau. R. L. Burrus, the local representative of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, was present, and also H. E. Reed who has recently been appointed to a position in the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Bureau. Mr. Reed was in Boston conferring with members of the wool industry preparatory to his work in Europe where he will devote considerable attention to wool.

The conference was well attended by members of the wool trade and of the National Wool Marketing Corporation. The President of the Wool Manufacturers' Association was also present. General interest was manifested in the report of wool stocks and the value of such statistics to the wool industry. Several suggestions were considered whereby greater cooperation of the wool dealers could be obtained. The principal suggestion under consideration is one which involves the reporting separately of the stocks held by the National Wool Marketing Corporation. The various groups agreed to give further consideration to the matter, advising the Bureau within ten days or two weeks whether wool stocks would be reported and the conditions under which the figures would be made available, if at all. It is probable that another conference will be necessary before a final decision is reached.

## SHORT COURSE DEMONSTRATION OF TOBACCO GRADES IS REPEATED

A short course in which Federal standard grades of flue-cured tobacco will be demonstrated will be held at the Agricultural College at Raleigh, N. C., May 11 to 15. This short course, a repetition of the highly successful course held a year ago at the same place, will be under the joint auspices of the Tobacco Section of this Bureau and the State Agricultural College of North Carolina, and will be participated in not only by the latter college but also by the State Colleges of Agriculture of South Carolina, Georgia and Virginia, and by the State Departments of Agriculture of these four States. The tobacco grading demonstrations will be conducted by Frank B. Wilkinson, marketing specialist, E. D. McDowell and W. R. Wilson, field supervisors, and Hugh W. Taylor, assistant marketing specialist, tobacco standardization, of the Tobacco Section.

The first 3 days, May 11 to 13, will be devoted to prospective tobacco graders, tobacco buyers and representatives of tobacco companies.

This section of the course will include discussions and demonstrations of the technical basis of standard tobacco grades, objects and operation of the tobacco grading service, and grading tests.

The second section of the course, to be held on May 14 and 15, will be held for the benefit of farmers, agricultural students, vocational agricultural teachers, and county agents. Special emphasis will be given to correct sorting methods on the farm. Experience gained in the Federal-State tobacco grading service shows conclusively that growers lose money every year by incorrect sorting methods, and during these 2 days farmers and county agents will be afforded an opportunity to learn the fundamental elements in correct sorting at the hands of tobacco specialists of long experience.

The course of a similar nature held in Raleigh in April, 1930, was largely attended, and was pronounced one of the most successful short courses ever held at the college.

EVERETT E. EDWARDS TO RECEIVE  
OBERLY MEMORIAL PRIZE.

For his bibliography, entitled, "A Bibliography of the History of Agriculture in the United States," Everett E. Edwards, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, will receive the fourth biennial prize of the Eunice Rockwood Oberly Memorial Fund. In competition with 7 others, Mr. Everett received the unanimous vote of the Fund Committee of the American Library Association. The committee also voted that honorable mention be given the bibliography of Miss Louise O. Bercaw, of the Bureau Library, entitled, "Rural Standards of Living."

The memorial is a fund of \$1050, subscribed by the Department library associates of Miss Oberly, who was for many years librarian of the Bureau of Plant Industry. The first prize in the awards consists of the biennial interest at  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent on the memorial fund.

The present membership of the permanent Fund Committee is as follows: Mary K. Bryan, Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture; Paul R. Byrne, librarian, University of Notre Dame; Mary E. Hazeltine, principal, University of Wisconsin Library School; Mary G. Lacy, librarian, Bureau of Agricultural Economics; Adolph S. Oko, librarian, Hebrew Union College; Frank K. Walter, librarian, University of Minnesota; Claribel R. Barnett, librarian, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Chairman.

The bibliographies entered for the prize this year were as follows: Bercaw, Louise O. Rural standards of living. A selected bibliography. August, 1930.

Colvin, Esther M. The strawberry industry in the United States. A selected list of references on the economic aspects of the industry. October, 1929.

Day, Emily L. Valuation of real estate with special reference to farm real estate. November, 1929.

Edwards, Everett E. A bibliography of the history of agriculture in the United States. November, 1930.

McDonald, Marguerite. Crop and market reports. History and present status in the United States. A selected bibliography. June, 1929.

O'Brien, Ruth, Peterson, Esther C., and Worner, Ruby K. Bibliography on the relation of clothing to health. November, 1929.



Olcott, Margaret T. Large scale and corporation farming. November, 1929.

Zwinggi, Lois. Legal phases of agricultural marketing and agricultural cooperation. A selected bibliography. June, 1929.

Mr. Edwards' bibliography has been popular and in demand ever since its release. It was favorably mentioned in the Saturday Review of Literature early this year. The following review by Professor Joseph Schafer, Superintendent of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, in the Wisconsin Magazine of History for March, 1931, gives it high praise:

"A Bibliography of the History of Agriculture in the United States (United States Department of Agriculture, Miscellaneous Publications, No. 84) by Everett E. Edwards, was issued in November from the Government Printing Office. It makes a book of 307 pages and is divided into a general section, a section on agriculture in the States, and one on agriculture during the world war and beyond. Under the first head are listed works on general American history, on geographic factors, colonization, land policies, and summarizing histories of agriculture. The second, as the title implies, aims to list the works dealing with agricultural history in each of the several States. The result of the effort is interesting as giving a hint of the relative interest in the subject in the different commonwealths. From the point of view of the space required to list their writings on the subject, the States of California, Minnesota, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin lead in agricultural history interest.

"The section on Wisconsin provides the most complete and convenient view of what has thus far been done in that department of State history. It is gratifying to find that fully one-fourth of the space devoted to Wisconsin, records publications issued under the auspices of our Society.

"The section on the World War and beyond covers a large number of topics. Included among them are the agricultural problems with proposed solutions, transportation, agencies for promoting agriculture, leaders, political relations, foreign and domestic markets.

"It is not too much to say that this guide to the sources of American agricultural history is not merely an admirable bibliography but a most timely aid to all who are engaged in the study of the overshadowing agricultural problem today."

#### FORTY-SIX STATES NOW HAVE BUREAU'S SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION SERVICE.

Arrangements have been consummated for joint Federal-State shipping point inspection work on fruits and vegetables, particularly potatoes, with the States of Minnesota and North Dakota. The agreements will become effective on July 1, and it is expected that as a result of recent legislation in both States dealing with potato grading and planting, a large number of shipments will be inspected.

W. A. Sherman, in charge, Fruit and Vegetable Division, recently visited Minnesota and North Dakota, as a result of which these agreements have been effected. This leaves only the States of South Dakota and New Mexico in which no provision is made for shipping point inspection work.

AGRICULTURAL HISTORY SOCIETY  
TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING.

The Agricultural History Society will hold its fourteenth annual meeting at the Cosmos Club on May 6. The dinner is at 6:30 p.m.; the business meeting and literary program at 8:00 p.m. Dr. A. G. McCall, chief, in charge of soil investigations, Bureau of Chemistry and Soils, will speak on "The Development of Soil Science." The presidential address by Professor Avery O. Craven, department of history, University of Chicago, will be on "Edmund Ruffin, Farmer."

The Agricultural History Society now has 340 members. It was organized in 1919 to promote interest, study, and research in the history of agriculture. Through an affiliation agreement, its principal literary session is held in connection with the annual meeting of the American Historical Association and other historical societies. Its annual meeting is always in Washington, D. C., in the spring or early summer.

At present, the Society's main project is the publication of Agricultural History, a quarterly journal. The journal, begun in 1927, is now in its fifth volume and is being developed as a medium for the publication of research and documents pertaining to the history of agriculture and as a clearing house for information of value to all who are interested in this field. The scope of agricultural history is interpreted broadly. Materials on the history of agriculture not only in the United States but in all countries and in all periods of history are included, and also materials on institutions, organizations, and sciences which have been factors in agricultural development.

DAIRY AND POULTRY DIVISION LOOK  
FOR EXPANDED GRADING WORK.

On April 24, Roy C. Potts and C. E. Eckles of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products returned to Washington from a trip of nearly six weeks to the division's Pacific Coast offices at Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, and Seattle. Besides checking up on the work of the 8 butter graders at these offices with Mr. Potts, Mr. Eckles also inspected the work of the 5 graders at Chicago, Duluth, and Minneapolis. As the result of this trip the division shortly will issue supplementary instructions to all butter graders with a view to more perfectly unifying the application of the flavor and body standards for butter, to the end that the butter grading work at all offices will be more uniform and standardized.

Mr. Potts reports that he expects to see the butter grading work on the Pacific Coast further expanded, requiring the appointment in the near future of 3 additional graders. He also reports that through the cooperation of the California Bureau of Markets, the market news and grading work at Los Angeles and San Francisco will be expanded and one additional employee placed in each office.

The turkey grading work conducted in the Northwest, Mr. Potts states, has been well received by the Northwest Turkey Growers Association, and the demand for it will be larger this year than during 1929 or 1930.

Poultry and egg packers in Kansas, Missouri, and Iowa whom Mr. Potts interviewed, manifested an increasing interest in the poultry grading work; also in the possible establishing of an egg grading service at shipping points.



MR. EZEKIEL WRITES  
ABOUT RUSSIA.

Mr. Marquis has a letter from Mordecai Ezekiel, former member of this Bureau, written at Constanza, Rumania, April 8, in which he gives the following interesting account of Mrs. Ezekiel and his recent visit to Russia:

"Here we are on our way from Russia to Italy - from Socialism to Facism. We travelled from the Baltic to the Black Sea, and as far east as Rostov and the North Caucasian wheat farms, sans interpreter, sans Russian, and with only English and German to help us through. We had many interesting experiences which I will save to relate after our return, and I gleaned much information about Russian agriculture, some useful and some otherwise. \*\*\*

"In brief, I will say that conditions in Russia, though bad, are far better than the outside world has been led by our newspapers to believe; that although much labor and expensive machinery is being wasted, still the Plan is moving forward, even though creakily; that the new resources and methods, even imperfectly utilized, will enable Russia to produce far more than she ever produced in the past; and that on the agricultural 'front,' the plan is being better fulfilled than on others, such as manufacturing and transport. The railways are the weakest link; if they can be improved, the congestion relieved, and needed facilities added, then the other sectors are likely to succeed. \* \* \*

"Physically, we both came through our trip to Russia in excellent shape, partly owing to the 75 pounds of food, soap, warm clothing, and other essentials we carried in with us. As it turned out, we had more than we needed, and had much to leave behind; but it is much cheaper to buy too much in Germany than to have too little in Russia. There butter retails (on the 'free' market) for \$5.00 a pound, fresh eggs for \$1.80 a dozen, and a dinner of soup, chicken and dessert for \$3 - or \$5 or \$6 if one wishes vegetables and a glass of cognac included! But the workers can buy the rationed part of their supplies at low fixed prices, and so living for them is at least possible, even if neither comfortable, warm, or easy.

"From here we plan to go to Italy for half a month, Geneva for a similar period, six weeks or so in France, then England for a farewell visit, and then home. The four months remaining seem short; a whole year is much too little to get acquainted with Europe.

"Best regards to all the Bureau folks."

Mr. Ezekiel is spending a year in Europe on a fellowship awarded him by the John Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. He is studying the methods used by leading European governmental agencies in regulating economic activity, to determine their relative effectiveness in directing various types of industries.

ECONOMICS TEAM TAKE FIRST PLACE  
AMONG DEPARTMENT BOWLERS.

Economics team in the men's Departmental Inter-Bureau Bowling League won first place by a margin of 4 games for the season just closed. The team had second high game (610) and tied for second high set with a score of 1671. Harry Dixon, with 108, had third high average of the league; D. N. Hevener, with 106, had fifth high average. Members of the team are Harry Dixon, D. N. Hevener, H. A. Miller, W. H. Rohrman, H. B. McQuinn, G. C. Fellows, and E. E. Barber.

PORTO RICAN GROWERS COOPERATE  
HEARTILY IN INSPECTION WORK.

A. S. Mason, supervising inspector, in charge of the fruit and vegetable inspection work in Porto Rico, reports to the Fruit and Vegetable Division that his work on the island is still in the educational stage. While very few certificates were being issued at the time he wrote his letter (April 15), he expected that they would become more general the following week when his 2 assistant inspectors would arrive, and that between the 20th and 30th of this month better than 25,000 boxes of grapefruit would be inspected. Mr. Mason adds:

"The longer I am in Porto Rico the better I like it \* \* \*. The growers here are giving us wonderful cooperation and I am sure what within a short time most of them will be packing strictly U. S. No. 1 or U. S. No. 2 fruit. Every suggestion regarding grading and packing is immediately accepted and passed on to their neighbors. Since last Friday (April 10) we have had 50,000 boxes added to our amount to be inspected."

BUREAU NOON HOUR RADIO  
BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The radio program of the Department is broadcast daily, except Sundays, from 12:55 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. Only one representative of the Bureau will take part in the program for the week beginning May 4, as follows:

May 7, 1:00 p.m., Asher Hobson, World Agricultural News.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

BULK AND SACK HANDLING OF GRAIN in the Pacific Coast States is the theme of Cir. 161, just off the press. The authors are E. N. Bates and G. P. Bodnar of the Grain Division and E. J. Stirniman of the University of California. The text explains why the sack system developed, traces the developments in modern transportation that favor bulk handling, and indicates some of the savings that may be possible when conditions all along the line are adjusted to bulk handling.

4-H CLUB WORK IN WEST VIRGINIA is discussed in a preliminary multi-graphed report by T. L. Harris, Sociologist, Agricultural Experiment Station of West Virginia University, cooperating with the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life. This report consists of 21 pages of text and 20 pages of tabular material. A limited supply of copies is on hand in the Division of Economic Information for distribution.

U. S. GRADES FOR RED SOUR CHERRIES FOR MANUFACTURE have just been issued by the Fruit and Vegetable Division. A great many canners in New York State and in Ohio have stated that they want to use these standards as the basis of contracts with growers during the coming season.

U. S. STANDARDS FOR FABA (FAVA) BEANS also have been issued by the Fruit and Vegetable Division.



IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending April 24 are:

Alberta wheat pool. Annual report, 1929/30. Calgary, Alberta, Alberta wheat pool, 1930. 31p. 280.39 A112.

Chamberlin, W. H. Soviet Russia; a living record and a history... Boston, Little, Brown, and company, 1931. 453p. 280.179 C35

Chicago daily drovers journal. Yearbook of figures, 30th, 1930. Chicago, Drovers journal publishing company, 1931. 109p. 49 C431.

The cooperative union. Annual cooperative congress, 62d. 1930. Manchester, Co-operative union limited, 1930. 714p. 280.29 C784.

Grotkopp, Wilhelm. Breaking down the tariff walls; ways leading to unification of European economics, translated by Erich Schadow. Lodon, E. Been limited, 1930. 130 p. 285 G91.

Knickerbocker, H. R. The red trade menace; progress of the Soviet five-year plan... New York, Dodd, Mead & company, 1931. 277p. 280.179 K74.

Machali, M. Prévision du rendement du blé d'après les éléments météorologiques. Paris, 1931. 92 p. (Bibliothèque generale d'economie politique) 59 M182.  
Thèse - Univ. de Paris.

Persons, Warren Milton. Forecasting business cycles. New York, J. Wiley & sons, inc.; London, Chapman & Hall, limited, 1931. 295 p. 280 P432F.

Patterson, Samuel Howard, & Scholz, K. W. H. Economic problems of modern life. 2d ed., rev. and enl. New York, McGraw-Hill book company, inc., 1931. 695p. 280 P272 Ed.2.

Penrose, E. F. Food supply and raw materials in Japan, an index of the physical volume of production of foodstuffs, industrial crops, and minerals, 1894-1927. Chicago, The University of Chicago press [1930] 75p. 269.7 P38.

U. S. Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Trade promotion series no. 114. Handbook of foreign tariffs and import regulations on agricultural products. Pt. 4. Canned foods in Asia, Africa, and Oceania, by Roberta P. Wakefield... and Robert S. Hollingshead, Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1931. 485p. 157.54 T67.

U. S. Dept. of labor. Bureau of labor statistics. Bulletin no. 531. Consumers', credit, and productive cooperative societies 1929. Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1931. 155 p. 158.6 B87.

HERE AND THERE.

Dr. L. C. Gray, in charge, and C. F. Clayton, Division of Land Economics, T. B. Manny, Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, and B. W. Allin, Division of Agricultural Finance, are attending a conference being held at Roanoke, Virginia, April 27 and 28, for the discussion of plans for the cooperative study of economic and social conditions and problems of the Southern Appalachians. Various officials from State Experiment Stations in the area are also at the meeting.

Roy C. Potts, in charge, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, will attend a meeting of the American Institute of Ice and Refrigeration at Atlantic City, N. J., May 1 and 2, and present a report as chairman of the Committee on Statistics. Approximately 150 representatives of the refrigeration and cold storage industry are expected to be present at this meeting.

F. J. Hughes, Business Manager, left Washington Sunday on a trip to Cincinnati, Ohio, Nashville and Memphis, Tennessee, Kansas City, Missouri, and Chicago and Springfield, Illinois. Among the several business matters to which he will attend, he will endeavor to arrange for more satisfactory rentals for some of the offices.

At the request of the United States Chamber of Commerce, the Bureau has prepared a 4-page mimeographed outline of information that the Bureau is prepared to supply of interest to the wholesale and retail trade. This outline is to be distributed at the Sixth Biennial Congress of the International Chamber of Commerce which meets in Washington from May 4 to May 9. A party of delegates is expected to visit the Bureau about May 7.

Dr. O. E. Baker, Division of Land Economics, gave a talk, entitled "Changes in Food Consumption and Their Agricultural Significance," before a group of students in economics and home economics at the University of Maryland on April 21.

E. W. Baker, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, is making a supervisory trip in connection with the market news service of the division. He is arranging for the inauguration of the service at Louisville, Kentucky, on July 1. Other points on his trip are Nashville, Louisville, St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Omaha, Sioux City, Des Moines, Chicago, Cleveland, and Buffalo. Mr. Baker will return about May 17.

Raymond L. Spangler, Fruit and Vegetable Division, is en route to points in Louisiana where he will obtain information looking to the issuance of grades for strawberries used for cannery purposes.

L. B. Burke and Meade T. Foster, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, will attend a lamb grading conference called by the National Stock-Yards Company, in St. Louis, Mo., on May 5. There are to be in attendance sheep marketing specialists from Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Iowa, and Illinois.

Associates of George M. Beeson, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, sympathize with him in his confinement at home on account of a broken rib.

E. E. Clayton, Telegrapher at Nashville, Tenn., has exchanged positions with Perry Roquemore, Telegrapher at Portland, Oregon, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool.

James G. Cross, Transportation Specialist, returned to the office on Monday, apparently feeling quite fit physically and very happy over the friendly interest of Bureau members when he was in the hospital recently.

A. A. Ruark of the Photographic Laboratory returned to duty Monday after spending several weeks in Walter Reed Hospital. He reports his condition greatly improved.



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## MR. OLSEN DELEGATE TO WORLD WHEAT CONFERENCE.

Mr. Olsen has been selected as one of the delegates to represent the United States at a conference of wheat-exporting nations which will assemble on May 19 in London. Mr. Sam Roy McKelvie, member of the Federal Farm Board, is the other delegate of this country.

The naming of these delegates followed the acceptance by this Government of an invitation to the conference extended by the Canadian Government. The conference has been called in accordance with the following resolution adopted in Rome on March 31, 1931, by the Preparatory Conference to the Second World Wheat Conference:

"The conference, recognizing the importance of the orderly marketing of the export surpluses of wheat and being convinced that the present low price of wheat on the world's markets is a serious factor in the present economic depression, is of the opinion that it is desirable that the delegates of the countries exporting wheat, namely: The Argentine Republic, Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, Hungary, India, Poland, The Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, Rumania, and Yugoslavia, should meet together as soon as possible to formulate a plan on an international basis for the exportation of the 1931-32 crop. The above-mentioned States will invite the Government of the United States of America to take part in their discussion."

Alonzo Englebert Taylor, Director of the Food Research Institute, Leland Stanford University, will represent this Government as technical expert. Raymond E. Cox, Second Secretary of the American Embassy at London, will serve as Secretary of the delegation of the United States.

Mr. Olsen will sail on Saturday, May 9, from New York on the S. S. Leviathan. Following the wheat conference he will make a tour of inspection of the Bureau's offices in Europe, after which he will attend as a delegate the World's Dairy Congress at Copenhagen in July. Mr. Olsen plans to be back in Washington about August 1.

## UNIVERSAL COTTON STANDARDS CONFERENCE MEETS THIS WEEK.

The Fourth International Biennial Universal Cotton Standards Conference will convene in the conference room of this Bureau at 10:00 o'clock Saturday morning, May 9. The meeting is for the approval of copies of the Universal Cotton Standards for use by this Department and the arbitration committees of the European cotton associations during the two-year period beginning August 1, 1931.

Representatives of the 9 leading cotton associations and exchanges of Europe will meet with representatives of this Department and of the American cotton industry. In addition to the Washington members of the

Division of Cotton Marketing, W. E. Dent of Memphis, Tenn., Wm. I. Holt of Charleston, S. C., and John J. Haggerty of New Orleans will be in attendance.

As heretofore, this Department, by reason of its administrative responsibilities under the United States Cotton Standards Act and the Universal Standards Agreements, will represent the American interests in the conferences, but as in the past the representatives of the American groups will advise with Department officials and will participate in the meetings. Invitations have been sent to 28 American organizations to send representatives. Certain southern agricultural colleges may also be represented. The European organizations that will send delegates are:

Associazione Italiana Facista degli Industriali Contonieri, Milan, Italy.	Manchester Cotton Association (Ltd.), Manchester, England.
Bremer Baumwollborse, Bremen, Germany.	Marché de Coton á Gand, Ghent, Belgium.
Centro Algodonero de Barcelona. Barcelona, Spain.	Syndicat du Commerce des Cotons au Havre, Havre, France.
Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Association (Ltd.), Manchester, England.	Vereeniging voor den Katoenhandel te Rotterdam, Rotterdam, Holland.
Liverpool Cotton Association (Ltd.), Liverpool, England.	

Daisaburo Kobayashi, a representative of the Japan Cotton Spinners' Association and the Japan Cotton Merchants' Union, will be present at the invitation of the Department and will witness the work of examination and approval of the standard boxes.

The conference is expected to extend into the week of May 11, and in addition to the regular biennial meeting, some discussions will take place apart from the biennial meeting itself. These will have to do with the tentative standards for the preparation of long staple cotton, ginning methods and effects, and covering of the American bale.

#### ALFALFA HAY EXHIBIT ATTRACTS ATTENTION OF COEDS.

The hay standards demonstrations held at the Colorado Agricultural College, Fort Collins, Colo., recently by E. A. Hill, in charge of the Denver office, were very successful according to reports recently received by the Washington office of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division. The demonstration took the form of a short course in hay standards and inspection covering six half days. There were about 25 students from the college in attendance during the entire course, together with a representative of the Wyoming Department of Agriculture and several Army officers, while a number of county agents and members of the college faculty spent more or less time with the classes. The exhibit used in the demonstration was kept open for inspection when classes were not in session and a large number of other students and other interested persons visited the exhibit during that time and discussed the standards and inspection service with Mr. Hill. Mr. Hill was surprised at the large number of coeds who visited the exhibit and seemed particularly interested in alfalfa hay.



BUREAU COOPERATING IN TWENTY-SIX  
GRAIN GRADING MEETINGS.

Grain buyers and farmers displayed tremendous interest in the first six meetings in a series of 26 conferences which are being held in western Minnesota and eastern North Dakota this spring, according to a joint statement made by Wm. P. Carroll, grain supervisor of the Bureau at Chicago, and H. R. Sumner, secretary of the Northwest Crop Improvement Association, Minneapolis. Both men expect the same attention and interest to prevail for the remainder of the trip, which will end some time this month. The conferences are held in a specially equipped laboratory coach supplied by the Northern Pacific Railroad, a cooperator in the enterprise.

W. H. Pahl of the Duluth office of the Grain Division, and Mr. Carroll are impressed with the questions asked by the grain buyers at these meetings. Mr. Carroll says, "They seem to welcome the opportunity of reviewing the standards and in checking up their accuracy of separation of wheat classes."

"We have reached over 150 grain buyers this first week (the week of April 20) and the way they entered into the discussions certainly proves our idea that grain buyers should have a more responsible part in our Crop Improvement program," says Mr. Sumner. "The local grain buyer has more influence with the grain farmer than anyone else. We are giving the managers reliable information about terminal market demands, varieties, smut control and methods of improving crop conditions in his locality at these meetings."

A. J. Dexter, Agricultural Agent for the Northern Pacific is in charge of the tour, which is also being supported by the Agricultural Colleges in Minnesota and North Dakota.

DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS DIVISION  
TO TRAIN MEN AS POULTRY GRADERS.

The Division of Dairy and Poultry Products will hold a poultry grading school at Topeka, Kansas, the week of May 25. The purpose of the school is to train supervisors for the poultry grading work to be undertaken in the States of Iowa, Minnesota, Indiana and Utah. Five representatives of the Chicago office and possibly one from the Washington office will attend the school. T. W. Heitz, of the Washington office, will be in charge.

The division plans to start the poultry grading work in Iowa, Minnesota and Indiana about June 1.

BUREAU NOON HOUR RADIO  
BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The radio program of the Department is broadcast daily, except Sundays, from 12:55 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following members of this Bureau are on the program for the week beginning May 11:

May 11. Special time arrangement for Summary of the May Crop Report, 12:50 p.m., Joseph A. Becker, Winter Wheat, Rye, Hay, Pastures; 12:55 p.m., Paul L. Koenig, Early Potatoes, Peaches, and some important Truck Crops

May 13, 1:00 p.m., C. V. Whalin, May Cattle Markets

May 14, 1:00 p.m., L. C. Gray, What's Happening in Farm Land Values?

May 15, Special time arrangement, 12:52 p.m., O. C. Stine, The Price Situation.

### FORESTRY TAKES PLACE OF GOLF WITH TWO BUREAU MEMBERS.

Interest in tree planting at this season of the year, with the observance of Arbor Day as a spring holiday in some States, directs attention to at least 2 Bureau members with whom trees are a hobby --James G. Cross of the Transportation Section and E. A. Hill of the Division of Fruits and Vegetables. Mr. Hill says that patience is the first requirement of a successful forester.

To some of us who are not informed in tree lore, the recent transplanting of the fine old trees in the Department grounds, particularly of the blossoming Magnolia, was to say the least, remarkable. Incidentally, the men superintending this work told one of the Bureau men that the large Ginkgo weighed about 25 tons. According to representatives of the Department greenhouses the Ginkgo trees were planted in the grounds about 65 years ago. There is no record of their ages at that time.

Remarkable as this transplanting has been, Mr. Cross has accomplished something more in the opinion of some of his neighbors in nearby Maryland, also members of the Bureau, in raising seedlings of the Redwood, a specie of the Sequoia, which he brought back from Eureka, California, about 5 years ago. This tree is native to California and is generally supposed to thrive only in that climate. Mr. Cross is reluctant to mention his arboricultural efforts with the Redwood because several weeks ago 2 of his half-dozen trees took on a yellow tinge which made him doubtful if he would succeed with his experiment. The yellow, however, is already giving way to a new growth of green.

Among the many varieties of trees on his place, in the growing of which Mr. Hill is a close second at his home in Maryland, are the White Pine, Norway Spruce, American Arbor Vitae, Poplar, Elm, Dogwood, Hickory, Ash, Oak, and Pine. On a recent trip Mr. Cross secured about 300 seedlings from the States of Washington and Oregon. These include the Colorado Blue, Big Tree (Sequoia), Douglas Fir, Arizona Cypress, Engleman's Spruce, Mountain Spruce, White Spruce, Yellow Pine, and Silver Fir.

### LADIES CLOSE BOWLING SEASON WITH EXCITING MATCH.

Bureau women bowlers made a good showing in the tenth annual tournament of the Washington Women's Duckpin Association, just ended. Mrs. Alice McQuinn came out first in Class A singles with a set of 363, the highest record ever rolled in singles in a woman's tournament. Mrs. McQuinn and Mrs. Mary B. Thompson came out fifth in Class B doubles, and Agriculture took third place among Class B teams. Information rolled into fourth place in Class C. This is the third year that Information has been among the winners.

The most exciting match of the season was staged on the last night in the Ladies Agricultural League. Information won first place by a margin of two games, winning the silver cup for the third time. Cooperation finished one game behind the leaders; Extension followed in third place; Cotton in fourth; Interdivision in fifth; and Fruits and Vegetables in sixth.



ENVELOPES LARGER THAN 4 BY 9  
HANDICAP TO POST OFFICES.

Envelopes exceeding 4 by 9 inches are too large to be accommodated in the separating cases used in post offices and railway postal cars and must be given special treatment, consuming unwarranted time and labor. They cost more, are not dispatched as expeditiously, and may not reach the address in as good condition as the regular size envelopes. The Director of Personnel and Business Administration of the Department, in a recent memorandum to the chiefs of bureaus, states that the Department of Agriculture is anxious to cooperate with the Post Office Department in the use of regular size envelopes,  $3\frac{7}{8}$  by  $8\frac{7}{8}$ , in which cooperation F. J. Hughes, Business Manager of the Bureau, asks the support of all employees responsible for mailing.

DEPARTMENT GOLFERS TO HOLD SPRING  
TOURNAMENT AT ARMY AND NAVY CLUB.

The tournament at East Potomac Park on April 30 brought out 57 Department golfers. L. A. Reynoldson, chairman of the Department Golf Association, reports that as has been the case so far this year Economics "did not ring the bell." J. E. Voll, Weather Bureau, took the prize for his low gross score of 77. S. R. Speelman, Animal Husbandry, and J. R. Dawson, tied at 68 for low net score. Mr. Reynoldson hopes that every Bureau golfer will be present for the annual spring tournament which will be held at the Army and Navy Club, on Monday, May 11. The games begin at 8 a. m.

Mr. Reynoldson was elected chairman of the Prize Committee of the Interdepartment Golf Association on May 1. The association's tournament will be held on June 1 and 2.

MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU DURING APRIL.

The following manuscripts were submitted to the Division of Publications during April:

- Myers, K. H.: Adjusting corn belt farming to meet corn borer conditions. For Farmers' Bulletin.
- Regulations... under Cotton Futures Act. Service and Regulatory Announcements 124.
- Regulations... under Cotton Standards Act. Service and Regulatory Announcements 125.
- Sarle, C. F.: Adequacy and reliability of crop-yield-per-acre estimates. For Technical Bulletin.
- Slocum, R. R.: Marketing Poultry. Farmers' Bulletin 1377 (rev.)

The following articles have been approved for publication in the periodicals named:

- Baker, O. E.: Dry Farming. For Encyclopedia of Social Sciences.
- Edler, G. C.: Bent Seed Production in Germany. For Bulletin U. S. Golf Association.
- Holmes, C. L.: Farm Management. For Encyclopedia of Social Sciences.
- Powers, G. H.: New England Label Aids Egg Marketing. For O. K. Poultry Culture.
- Sherman, W. A.: Fruit Industry. For Encyclopedia of Social Sciences.
- Viehmann, C. M.: The Farm Forecast for 1931. For Central-Western Banker.

IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending May 1 are:

Agricultural economics society. Reports of conferences held in London, 10th and 11th December, 1929 and at Wadham college, Oxford, 27th to 30th June, 1930... [Reading] Agricultural economics society, 1930. 105p. (Its Journal of proceedings, v.1, no. 3, Dec. 1930) 281.9 Ag8

Curtis, Roy Emerson. The trusts and economic control; a book of materials. New York, McGraw-Hill book company, inc., 1931. 525 p. 280 C94.

Egypt. Minister of finance. Memorandum on the bases of a stable cotton policy; submitted to H. E. the Minister of finance. Cairo, Govt. press, 1930. 55p. 72 Eg95

Farbman, Michael. Piatiletka. Russia's 5-year plan... New York, New republic, inc., 1931. 220p. 281.179 F22.

Fairlie, John A. and Kneier, C. M. County government and administration... New York, The Century co. [1930] 585p. (Century political science ser.) 280.12 F16.

Germany. Statistisches reichsamt. Finanzen und steuern im in- und ausland; ein statistisches handbuch, bearbeitet im Statistischen reichsamt Berlin, R. Hobbing, 1930. 896 p. 284.5 St2.

Institute for government research, Washington, D. C. Report on survey of the organization and administration of county government in North Carolina, submitted to Governor O. Max Gardner, by Institute for government research of the brookings institution. Washington, D. C. [Washington] 1930 152p. 280.12 In7C.

Lindsey, Adrian Herve. The nature and causes of the growth of Iowa land values. [Ames] 1929. 232. p. Typewritten. 282 L64.  
Thesis (Ph.D.) - Iowa State college of agriculture and mechanic arts.

Natl. Josef. Die agrarreform in Jugoslawien, Berlin und Breslau, H. Sack, 1927. 137p. (Osteuropa-institut in Breslau. Quellen und studien. Abt. wirtschaft. n.f. hft. 8) 282 M42.

U. S. Congress. House. Committee on agriculture. Reforestation act amendment, peanut statistics, farm and unemployment relief, agricultural credit corporations, experimental farm in Mobile county, Alabama, national arboretum appropriations. Hearing... 71st Congress, 3d sess. Jan. 26, 27, 28, and Feb. 2, 1931. Serial U. Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1931. 102 p. 99.47 Un32.



BUREAU BREVITIES.

THE ECONOMIC FACTORS AFFECTING THE BEEF-CATTLE INDUSTRY OF VIRGINIA Are analyzed and discussed by Messrs. Burmeister, Conway, and Brodell in Tech. Bul. 237, now off the press. Phases considered include the early development of the local industry, the rise and decline of our export trade in cattle and beef and the changes in the beef-cattle industry throughout the United States, distribution of cattle in Virginia, methods of finishing steers, methods of buying and selling cattle, market outlets, transportation, seasonal movements of Virginia cattle, production records of selected shipments, marketing costs of competing cattle, comparison of prices at Jersey City and Chicago market grades, competition and trade opinions, and the possibilities of increasing returns on Virginia steers by improving the grade. Conclusions and rather definite recommendations are given.

REPORT OF EGG BREAKING OPERATIONS, the first of a monthly report on the operation of egg breaking plants, was released by the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products on April 30.

HERE AND THERE.

Wells A. Sherman and Paul M. Williams spent two days last week in Easton, Md., and Dover and Wilmington, Del., conferring with warehousemen, canners and others regarding the standardization and grading of canned fruits and vegetables.

Guy S. Meloy, Division of Cotton Marketing, will discuss the grading of cotton seed at the convention of the National Cottonseed Products Association and also at a meeting of the Seed Grading Committee of that Association, which will be held in New Orleans, La., May 15-20.

H. F. Fitts, who since the last week in February has been detailed to the Farmers' Seed Loan Office at Fort Worth, Texas, writes: "We are on the last lap here now, and from all indications will be closing the office shortly after May 1. There will be some additional and necessary work incident to the closing up of cases, and the transfer of our records which must be packed and sent to the St. Louis Farmers' Seed Loan Office. \* \* \* The work has gone along smoothly, and, it seems to us, very well, but it has been a pretty hard grind." E. J. Murphy returned to Washington on Monday.

A hearing under the P. A. C. Act has been called in Philadelphia, Penn., May 12, in the case of the complaint of the American Fruit Growers against F. C. Spadero and Co. Judge Dillman will act as examiner and C. P. Door as attorney for the Government. The complaint involves an unjustified rejection of 2 cars of tomatoes and one car of grape fruit.

Joseph A. Becker, Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, will address the graduate classes of Cornell University, in Ithaca, N. Y., on May 18, on the subject, "Crop Reporting Methods and Recent Developments in the Crop Reporting Field." He will also discuss the work which the division has been doing for several years on the historical revision of acreage data.

W. J. Roth, Division of Farm Management and Costs, is traveling in the States of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri and Indiana, for the purpose of conferring with State agricultural workers and others with regard to farm management studies now in progress in those States. He will return to Washington about May 14.

D. W. Willingmyre, Wool Standardization and Marketing Investigations Section, left Washington Monday for Boston, Philadelphia, and Camden, N. J., where he is purchasing wool for use in the preparation of the wool standards.

Unwilling to face the ignominy of being "left at the post" in the matrimonial race of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, George F. Booker, office associate of G. C. Edler, has announced his engagement to Miss Geneva E. Stiffler, of Marion, Ohio. The wedding will take place at the bride's home some time this month. Best wishes, Mr. Booker, for a long and happy married life.

H. W. Hawthorne, Division of Farm Management and Costs, is spending 3 weeks in Florida, assisting State agricultural workers in the preparation of preliminary reports based upon replies from approximately 500 questionnaires to absentee owners of citrus properties in the State. These questionnaires represent a part of a cooperative economic study of the citrus industry in Florida. Mr. Hawthorne is expected to return about May 18.

Richard K. Smith, who has been serving as associate crop and livestock estimator in Illinois, is being transferred to Washington to assist John B. Shepard with the dairy work of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates. Joseph L. Orr, who has been Mr. Shepard's assistant, is now working with Joseph A. Becker on research work.

Neil W. Johnson, Division of Farm Management and Costs, will leave Washington on May 9 for Montana where he will obtain from wheat farmers economic data on the organization and operation of mechanically equipped wheat farms. Completing that work, he will proceed to Idaho to obtain from farmers and others economic data in connection with a cooperative study between this Bureau and the Idaho Agricultural Experiment Station, of farm organization and farm budgeting, now under way in the areas surrounding Idaho Falls. Mr. Johnson will remain in the field until November.

Childs: plural. When the Childs have one child, that's singular - the child is - although there's nothing singular about the child or the fact that the Childs have a child. But now the Childs have two children, and there's nothing singular about that, or them. They're plural. This is getting a trifle involved, but the point to the whole thing is that Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Childs have a brand new baby daughter, Claudia Lee, the second child and fourth Childs in this particular Childish family.



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## MR. HOBSON TO BE OFFICIAL DELEGATE AT INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF AGRICULTURE.

Asher Hobson, in charge of the Foreign Agricultural Service, will represent this country as delegate at the Fifteenth International Congress of Agriculture to be held at Prague, Czechoslovakia, June 5-8. President Hoover made the appointment last week. Mr. Hobson is on the program of the Congress to give an address on the subject, "The Fruitfulness of Research in Forecasting Prices of Agricultural Commodities."

The International Congress of Agriculture is organized every 2 years by the International Commission of Agriculture, an organization controlled and financed by 92 national farm groups, representing 27 nations. The Congress this year will be held under the auspices of the government of Czechoslovakia.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Hobson will visit 4 European offices of the Bureau to confer with the officers in charge on the reporting activities of the foreign offices and to discuss such questions as cooperative relations between the Foreign Commerce Service, the Consular Service, and the Foreign Agricultural Service.

## FOURTH UNIVERSAL COTTON STANDARDS CONFERENCE MEETS IN BUREAU.

The Fourth International Biennial Universal Cotton Standards Conference assembled in the conference room of the Bureau in Washington, Saturday, May 9. Forty-seven American cotton representatives and 21 foreign delegates answered to the roll call. The Bureau was represented by Washington officials and by W. E. Dent of Memphis, Tenn., Wm. I. Holt of Charleston, S. C., and John J. Haggerty of New Orleans.

In the absence of Mr. Olsen, who is on his way to attend, as the official representative of this Government, the World Wheat Conference in London on May 19, Mr. Kitchen made the address of welcome to the cotton men. Among other things he said:

"The principle of standardization has found acceptance in the marketing of our farm products. It is consequently one of the major functions of this Bureau and indeed of the Department. Much work has been done and is being done, not only with respect to cotton but for grain, fruit, wool, and other important products. I think it is a matter of mutual satisfaction that the Universal Cotton Standards which were undertaken about 8 years ago, possibly with some doubts and reservations at that time, have become generally useful in the world wherever there is need for describing grade qualities."

On the motion of one of the Germans, the delegates met with Bureau

representatives on Sunday in order to expedite the business of the conference, which is to approve copies of the Universal Cotton Standards for use by this Department and the arbitration committees of the European cotton associations during the 2-year period beginning August 1, 1931.

Apart from the regular business of the meeting this week, the delegates are discussing tentative standards for the preparation of long staple cotton, ginning methods and effects, and bale covering of American cotton.

#### BANK SEEKS FEDERAL GRADE CERTIFICATE FOR RICE AS LOAN SAFEGUARD.

Federal grade certificates for rice as a safeguard to bankers in extending loans is a new use for this branch of the grading work of the Bureau. Requested by a number of agricultural credit corporations of the South to renew their loans on 142 lots of rough rice, the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of New Orleans has consented to do so only on the condition that such rice be Federally graded and certified. The bank's reason for requiring official certificates is that it has been found that in extending former loans the appraisals as to the grade of the rice, made by unofficial agencies, were too high. The rice in question belongs to a group of farmers of the South, many of whom are members of an important cooperative rice growers' association in that area.

W. D. Smith, in charge of the Bureau's rice work in the South, and the licensed rice graders in his territory began last week the work of sampling and grading the various lots of rice on which loans are to be made and are furnishing the Intermediate Credit Bank with the grade certificate on each lot.

In the future the bank proposes to require the Bureau's certificate on all original loans as well as on renewal of loans.

#### SOYBEAN INSPECTION INCREASES WITH EXPANSION OF INDUSTRY.

With the movement of the 1931 crop of soybeans practically over, the number of inspections made by the Bureau reaches approximately 3 times that of any previous year. J. E. Barr, who is in charge of bean and soybean standardization and inspection, reports that this phenomenal increase is due to the expansion of the soybean crushing industry in the Middle West and to a keener appreciation on the part of growers' organizations, shippers and mills, of the value of this service.

Recently this service was extended to Lafayette and Indianapolis, Ind., and is now available at every important market, except one, where mills are located. In all cases, however, the U. S. standards are the basis for contracts and purchases of soybeans by mills. Inspectors are also located at soybean shipping points in North Carolina which was the first State to adopt the U. S. standards. Although most of the soybeans produced there are still sold for seed purposes throughout the Southern States, shippers and buyers have found that the Federal inspection certificate is a valuable aid in the marketing of this crop. As a result the number of inspections in that State this year is double that of last year.



MORE THAN 13,000 LOANS MADE BY  
FORT WORTH SEED LOAN OFFICE.

The seed loan office at Fort Worth, Texas, was an exceedingly busy place according to the report brought back last week by E. J. Murphy of the Grain Division. Mr. Murphy was detailed to take charge of that office early in March and authorized to return when the work of administering the loans was completed.

Close to 15,000 applications for loans were handled. These included items of seed, feed, fertilizer, fuel, oil for tractors, spraying material for insects, and in addition items under the agricultural rehabilitation appropriation, which cared for such matters as the maintenance of families, minor repairs on machinery, and blacksmithing.

The loans actually approved and paid numbered in the neighborhood of 13,500, the difference being accounted for by disapprovals, cancellations, and pending cases awaiting action to comply with the Secretary's regulations. The foregoing number, representing only the work done by the Fort Worth office in Texas, involved a total of loans amounting to approximately \$1,750,000. In addition, the St. Louis office, which was also lending in Texas, approved loans for approximately \$1,250,000, making a total of about \$3,000,000 in the State of Texas.

The executive force of the Fort Worth office, in addition to Mr. Murphy and H. F. Fitts of this Bureau, consisted of Dr. Karl S. Quisenberry, detailed from the Washington office of the Bureau of Plant Industry; F. S. Moise, attorney for the office, detailed from the Office of the Solicitor; H. C. McNamara, in charge of the Greenville, Texas, station of the Bureau of Plant Industry; and H. H. Millard, disbursing officer, from the Division of Accounts and Disbursements, Washington.

Mr. Murphy was impressed with the marked loyalty of the temporary employees of the office, who entered into the spirit of the work and gave enthusiastic services during the entire period of the loan. This temporary group numbered about 37 clerks, stenographers, typists, and examiners.

DIVISION OF COTTON MARKETING  
TO CONDUCT SCHOOL FOR MEMBERS.

The Division of Cotton Marketing will conduct a training school from May 26 through June 6 for members of the division upon whom will fall the responsibility of supervising the classification of cotton by licensed classers as authorized by Congress during the last session. The course of study will be primarily to give the personnel a thorough knowledge of the duties and responsibilities involved in supervising the work done by licensed classers operating under the Cotton Standards Act. Instruction will be given in the interpretation and application of U. S. standards for both grade and staple. Instruction will also be given in departmental regulations relative to the enforcement of the Cotton Standards Act. Those in attendance will be given an opportunity to become familiar with scientific work being done by the division in its studies of cotton quality, the results of which have a bearing upon the work of cotton classification. It is expected that from 20 to 30 members of the Division of Cotton Marketing will avail themselves of the opportunity to attend the discussions.

PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING TELEGRAMS  
FOR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES.

The Business Manager calls attention to the matter of accepting telegrams from officials of other branches of the Department and of other services of the Federal Government for transmission over the leased wires. While the Bureau is very glad to handle such traffic when wire conditions permit, it should be remembered that the leased wires are very heavily loaded with the scheduled traffic of the Bureau and that it is therefore difficult to furnish satisfactory telegraphic facilities outside of the regular schedules.

When a telegram is offered by a representative of another branch of the service, he should be advised of the situation on our leased wire, the fact that it may not be possible to send his wire promptly, and that in addition the Bureau at Washington has no facilities for delivering telegrams outside of the Department except by telephone or mail, a method of delivery not always satisfactory. If the sender is willing to leave the telegram under the conditions named, it should be accepted and handled as promptly as possible.

FEDERAL-STATE HAY INSPECTION  
INCREASING IN CALIFORNIA.

Demand for Federal-State hay inspection continues to increase rapidly in California according to reports received by the Hay, Feed and Seed Division from Walter J. Morgan, supervising inspector at Los Angeles. As a result of this demand arrangements are now being made to train inspectors for 3 additional points in the State, namely, San Francisco, Sacramento, and the Antelope Valley near Los Angeles.

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May 18, 1:05 p.m., Paul Froehlich, The Early Potato Situation

May 19, 1:00 p.m., C. A. Burmeister, May Hog Markets

May 21, 1:00 p.m., C. L. Harlan, May Lamb Markets

1:05 p.m., V. C. Childs, The Cotton Crop of 1930

SURPLUS CARDS AVAILABLE.

The Section of Property and Supplies in Washington has on hand a large quantity of unpunched tabulating machine cards, size  $3\frac{1}{4}$  x 5-5/8. These cards are printed on one side only and are available in 5 colors, salmon, chocolate, pink, blue, and manila. They are of about the same thickness as a thin index card and can be cut down by the Supply Section to any desired size. It is believed that many of the Bureau offices can use these cards for memoranda or other purposes in place of the regular index cards now being purchased. Such offices as can use these surplus cards to advantage should place a requisition at once, stating the quantity and color desired. Samples may be obtained upon application to Mr. Pevare, Section of Property and Supplies.



BUREAU BREVITIES.

LAND SETTLEMENT IN THE CUT-OVER LAKES REGION forms the theme of Circular 160 by W. A. Hartman and J. D. Black, just off the press. Such economic phases are treated as agricultural development of the region, physical aspects, forest and crop production, social and business aspects, credit conditions, progress settlers may expect to make, farm turnover during past decade, and the general outlook for land settlement in undeveloped regions.

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STUDY of the Southern Appalachian Highlands received a rising vote of appreciation by the Conference of Southern Mountain Workers at its annual meeting in Knoxville March 24-26. The cooperation of its members in every way possible was pledged. The study is being undertaken by Federal and State agencies, in which work the Bureau is cooperating through the Divisions of Land Economics, Farm Management and Costs, Agricultural Finance, and Farm Population and Rural Life.

STANDARD GRADES FOR WISCONSIN TOBACCO (U. S. Types 54 and 55) are defined in a recent mimeograph released by the Tobacco Section. Elements of quality are listed; an explanation of the grading system is made, and descriptions and specifications of standard grades are made.

GRADE AND STAPLE OF ALABAMA COTTON CROPS OF 1928 AND 1929 is the subject of a preliminary report by W. B. Lanham and J. L. McCollum, Division of Cotton Marketing, now being distributed. Although the data presented are for only 2 crop years, 1928 and 1929, and are preliminary in that they are subject to revision, they indicate significant differences in the grade and staple length of the two crops and of the crop ginned in the various sections of the State during the same crop year. The 1928-29 data used in the preparation of this report were collected in cooperation with the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station. Credit is due also to Fred E. Nelson for assistance in compiling the data and to Miss Florena Cleaves for assistance in arranging the material.

GRADE AND STAPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COTTON CROPS of 1928 and 1929, a preliminary report by W. B. Lanham and R. E. Betts, Division of Cotton Marketing, presents certain of the results thus far obtained in the study described by the authors. It is issued at this time to make the information available for immediate use in advance of a more comprehensive printed publication when the study is completed. The data used in the preparation of this report were collected in cooperation with the South Carolina Experiment Station. Credit is due also to Fred E. Nelson for assistance in compiling data and to Miss Florena Cleaves for assistance in arranging the material.

THE OPERATION PROBLEMS OF STATE-FEDERAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION, the address of R. C. Butner, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, at the meeting of the Atlantic States Division, National Association of Marketing Officials, in Washington, April 21, 1931, has been mimeographed and is now being distributed.

IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending May 8 are:

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E. A. Foley, agricultural attaché, representing this Bureau in London, England, will attend unofficially the Fifteenth International Cotton Congress to be held in Paris, France, June 23-27. As a delegate, he will also participate in the Congress of the International Association of Agriculture of Tropical Countries which will meet in Paris, June 27-July 1.

W. A. Sherman, in charge of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, spent Monday in New York City, conferring with a committee of the Trunk Line Association on the possibility of the Bureau's undertaking the inspection of fresh fruit and vegetable deliveries by the carriers in greater New York. Today (May 12) he is in Philadelphia, attending the first public hearing under the P.A.C. Act in that city, the complaint being that of the American Fruit Growers, Inc., vs. F. C. Spadaro and Company. The question at issue is whether or not the defendant was justified in rejecting two cars of tomatoes and one car of grapefruit, and to determine the amount of damage due the complainant if the defense is not upheld. H. A. Spilman, who appeared as a witness in a case under the P.A.C. Act against R. O. Caveness, held in Raleigh, N. C., on Monday, planned to attend the Spadaro hearing in Philadelphia, if able to leave Raleigh in time.

Dr. O. C. Stine, in charge, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, L. M. Davis, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, and J. B. Shepard, Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, attended a meeting on Monday in New York City of dairy statisticians of the Dairymen's League Cooperative Association, the New England Milk Producers Association, and the Borden Company, as well as with State agricultural statisticians and representatives of Cornell University, at which consideration was given to developing the program of dairy statistics.

Peter M. Strang, Division of Cotton Marketing, will leave Washington this week for Newark, N. J., Boston, Mass., New York City, and Providence, R. I., in the interest of the study of the utilization of American cotton. He will interview cotton manufacturers and dealers regarding the amounts of the various kinds of cotton consumed.

B. C. Boree and H. J. Clay, Fruit and Vegetable Division, are spending some time at the Civil Service Commission, marking the papers for the Junior Marketing Specialist examination held recently.

Robt R. Solcum, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, will discuss the work which the Bureau is doing on behalf of the poultry industry at a meeting of the Northeastern Poultry Council in New York City on May 15.

Dwight T. Westerdahl, assistant marketing specialist, reported May 1 for temporary duty at the Kansas City office of the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool Division. He will proceed to the Omaha office of the division about June 1 for permanent assignment.

W. C. Davis, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, will demonstrate the Bureau's beef grades at the convention of the Ohio Restaurant Association in Dayton, May 20.

Word has just been received from Shanghai, China, of the arrival on April 11 of Margaret Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul O. Nyhus. Mr. Nyhus represents the Bureau as Agricultural Commissioner in Shanghai.

Mrs. Justina A. Warner and Mrs. Pearl Wilson of the Photographic Laboratory have been working at high pressure the last two weeks finishing the coloring of 3 dozen apple models in time for R. R. Pailthorp, Fruit and Vegetable Division, to take on a trip with him. Mr. Pailthorp is leaving Washington today (May 12) for the West. He will use these models as the basis of discussion of color and shape requirements as grade factors for apples, at the Washington State Grading Conference to be held in Yakima on May 21. At this conference the delegates will make recommendations to the State Department of Agriculture regarding desired changes in the apple grades. It is expected that representatives will be present from Oregon and Idaho, as well as from the State of Washington.

James K. Wallace, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, plans to leave Washington on May 15 for 17 western States, where for the next 10 months he will be engaged in substituting in the market news work for several field officers on annual leave, conducting grading demonstrations in cooperation with the Extension Service, and attending State conferences of vocational agricultural teachers. At the latter conferences he will discuss and interpret the Bureau's outlook material for livestock, stressing the importance of grading standardization.

Lawrence Myers, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, will attend 2 meetings of Vocational Teachers of Agriculture in Georgia, one at Athens from May 27 to May 29, the other at Tifton from June 2 to 4, discussing at each the outlook work of the Bureau as a part of vocational education in agriculture. The adult vocational classes in Georgia this year have a total enrollment of 42,000 farmers.

The men of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division evidently had no idea how disastrously their bowling match would end when they challenged the women of the division last week to a game. The men deny that they made the challenge and say that anyway the odds were too great, that the women were in practice while they were not. The women insist that the men did make the challenge and that they were met on their own ground. Be that as it may, the women won by 43 pins, not including their handicap. The men who took part in the match were Messrs. Conklin, Davis, Edinger, Romberger and Whalin; the women were Miss Heffner, Miss Jordan, Miss Siscoe, Mrs. Steger and Mrs. Tippet. In the recent Washington City Duckpin Association bowling tournament, Crop Estimates team won second place in Class E. Economics team came in sixth in Class C.



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## SECRETARY REVOKES LICENSE UNDER P. A. C. ACT.

Under date of May 7, 1931, the Secretary of Agriculture issued his findings of fact, conclusions, and order in the case of the Secretary of Agriculture vs. Burton and Briel, Inc., of Richmond, Virginia, licensees under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act.

The conclusions of the Secretary were to the effect that the respondent, acting as commission merchants, had failed to account to a shipper in Georgia for \$35.00 collected on behalf of the shipper as a railroad claim.

That in another case the respondent had failed, neglected and refused truly and promptly to account to a shipper in New York in connection with a carload of Wolf River apples. That in another case the respondent had failed and refused to remit and pay to a shipper in Florida the sum of \$3510.36 as net proceeds in connection with the sale by the respondent of seven carloads of oranges, both these failures to pay being in violation of Section 2 of the Act.

That the respondent had failed and neglected to keep such accounts, books, records, and memoranda respecting the sales of certain onions made for and on behalf of certain shippers in Massachusetts as is required by Section 9 of this Act.

That the violations of the Act found to have occurred in these cases were flagrant and repeated within the meaning of Section 8 of the Act.

The Secretary therefore ordered that the license (No. 2254) issued to Burton and Briel, Inc., under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act of 1930 be revoked effective 10 days after the receipt by the respondent of a copy of the order transmitted by registered mail.

## LARGE NUMBER ATTEND SHORT COURSE IN TOBACCO GRADING.

The short course, demonstrating the Federal standard grades of flue-cured tobacco, at the Agricultural College at Raleigh, N. C., May 11 to 15, scored another success in this work of the Bureau. A similar demonstration was conducted last year with fine results.

Frank B. Wilkinson, who was in charge of the demonstration, reports that 150 were present, 60 of these being applicants for the position of tobacco grader, 20 were county agents, 10 vocational agricultural teachers, and the remainder farmers, tobacco dealers, and State officials. Mr. Wilkinson was assisted by E. D. McDowell and W. R. Wilson, field supervisors, and Hugh W. Taylor, assistant marketing specialist, tobacco standardization, of the Tobacco Section.

Everyone seemed highly pleased with the results of the work. As in-

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dicating the general feeling of the participants the remarks of two of the dealers are of interest. They stated that they had learned more from this short demonstration about the fundamental factors which constitute grade of tobacco than they had learned in all their previous experience in the tobacco business.

The work accomplished at Raleigh is expected to be of material assistance in the selection of graders for next season.

#### STATE WORKERS AND TRADESMEN ADOPT BUREAU'S TENTATIVE LAMB GRADES.

The Bureau's tentative lamb grades, when demonstrated by L. B. Burk and Meade T. Foster, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, were well received at the Lamb Grading Conference called by the National Stock Yards Company in East St. Louis on May 5. The conference was held for the purpose of considering the various methods of grading spring lambs and the methods of indicating the grades in order to facilitate the shipment and sale of lambs according to quality. There were in attendance animal husbandmen, marketing specialists, and county agents from the State Extension Services of Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Kentucky and Arkansas, also representatives of commission firms, packers, and stockyards companies.

J. W. Burch, in charge of sheep extension work in Missouri, explained in detail the methods employed there by State marketing specialists and the color scheme used in indicating the grades. On a visit to local packing plants the packer system of grading carcasses was also explained.

More than 100 persons gathered in the sheep yards to see Messrs. Burk and Foster select lambs according to the six tentative grades of the Bureau. They had no difficulty in demonstrating to the satisfaction of all that this could be done. The only question raised was the advisability of separating the Choice and Good grades and the Common and Cull grades, the objection being raised that the average grader could not make accurate distinctions as quickly as would be necessary in handling a large number of lambs.

With the several systems of grading before them, the conferees then considered a uniform basis of grading, finally agreeing that the various groups represented at the meeting should adopt the six grade names designated by this Bureau, for the present combining the Choice with the Good grade and the Common with the Cull. It was decided that the Missouri system of showing the qualities by color should be applied to our grades as follows:

Prime	- Blue	Common and Cull	- Black
Choice and Good	- Red	Fat buck lambs	- Yellow
Medium	- Green	Thin buck lambs	- Same as for Common and Cull

#### F. AND V. INSPECTION CLASSES BEING HELD.

Eight men assembled in Chicago on Monday, May 18, to receive training in fruit and vegetable inspection. E. E. Conklin and M. A. Russell of the local office of the Fruit and Vegetable Division are in charge of the classes, which will continue for six weeks. Dr. G. B. Ramsey of Chicago and L. F. Butler of New York, Bureau of Plant Industry, are giving instruction in the pathological phases of the work.



GROUP LIFE AND DISABILITY  
INSURANCE IN THE DEPARTMENT.

More than 850 Bureau employees have taken out policies under the group insurance plan of the U. S. Department of Agriculture Beneficial and Relief Association, 308 of these being Washington employees and approximately 464 being members of the field. The Business Manager wishes to call the important benefits of the plan to the attention of those who may not yet have given it serious consideration.

The association dues for a policy of \$1,000 are \$12 a year, and payments may be made monthly. The policy has a disability feature, that is, the face of the policy will be paid to the insured in case he is totally and permanently injured or disabled before he is 70 years of age. Several of such claims have already been allowed. A feature to be considered is the very prompt settlement of claims, bringing this within the class of immediate relief insurance. The policy continues in force as long as the dues are paid whether or not the employee separates from the Department or service.

The Beneficial and Relief Association recently has adopted a plan of group health and accident insurance whereby employees of the Department can obtain this type of insurance at a rate considerably lower than for individual insurance. The Department positions have been divided into two groups: A, nonhazardous occupations; and B, hazardous occupations. The cost of the insurance for Group A employees ranges from \$3.40 semiannually, for a weekly indemnity of \$10, to \$17 semiannually, for a weekly indemnity of \$50. The cost of Group B ranges from \$4.74 to \$23.70 semiannually. For a small additional premium accidental death and dismemberment insurance may also be obtained. Payments for sickness or accident begin on the fifteenth day of disability.

J. M. Kemper, secretary-treasurer of the association, room 23E East Wing, urges all employees interested in group health and accident insurance with a longer waiting period, say for 30 days, to communicate with him.

BUREAU LARGE CONTRIBUTOR TO  
1931 YEARBOOK OF AGRICULTURE.

The 1931 Yearbook of Agriculture, just out, contains 31 articles by members of this Bureau. The major part of the statistical material, covering more than 500 pages, was contributed by this Bureau. These agricultural statistics were prepared under the direction of the statistical Committee of the Yearbook, composed entirely of Bureau men, as follows: Joseph A. Becker, chairman, Lewis B. Flohr, secretary, S. W. Mendum, C. A. Burmeister, L. M. Davis, and E. J. Working.

This annual of short popular articles, and of reports and statistics offers a condensed record of what has happened in and to agriculture, on the farm and in the laboratory. The volume touches many phases of farming and research, and includes a fairly complete statistical record not only of the production of crops and livestock but also of their disposition and distribution through the channels of industry and in foreign and domestic commerce. It also discusses the service activities of the Department. The Secretary's annual report to the President is included as in former years. A series of charts tracing the increase in the production of the more important commodities in the last forty years is regarded as a valuable feature. Four hundred thousand copies of the Yearbook are printed, under a special Congressional appropriation, and the distribution is largely by the Members of Congress.

GRAIN EXCHANGE FINES  
MEMBER \$1000.

Publication of findings by the Secretary of Agriculture regarding the violation of Sec. 5 of the United States Grain Standards Act has resulted in the imposition of a severe penalty by a grain exchange on one of its member firms. The case involved the misrepresentation as to the grade of certain grain which had been officially inspected by a licensed inspector, and in accordance with the provisions of the law the Secretary in due course published his findings. Thereafter the exchange, of which the respondent was a member, imposed a fine of \$1000 and suspension from membership privileges for a period of six months. The suspension was held inoperative subject to the good behavior of the firm and upon condition that full restitution be made to all sustaining loss through the misrepresentation.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING  
FIELD PAYROLLS.

The General Accounting Office is taking many exceptions to payments on field payrolls, on account of errors and lack of information. In the second column of the payroll, all the information called for by the heading should be given. The designation should be the term or title descriptive of the job. Field jobs have been allocated by the Department to grades corresponding to those prescribed by the Classification Act for the Departmental service in Washington, and salaries have been fixed accordingly. These are the grades to be used. The notation in the "Remarks" column should be in conformity with the requirements as shown in the heading.

For the most part the exceptions are caused by the erroneous grades. In order to obviate further errors of this kind, the question should be taken up with the Washington office of the division concerned, with a view of obtaining the correct grades.

BOOTH PHONES TO BE USED  
FOR EMERGENCY CALLS.

Numerous complaints have reached the Business Manager's office on account of the extended telephone calls made in the public booths in the Bureau. Mr. Hughes wishes to remind employees that these telephones have been installed for their convenience in caring for emergency matters and that they are not for making social calls. Cases have been called to his attention in which an employee has occupied the booth for nearly a quarter of an hour at a time. With a booth on every other floor and a wall phone in the remaining corridors of the Bieber Building, the public telephone service in the building should be adequate to care for the needs of the entire Bureau force quartered therein. In the temporary office buildings there is also a generous sprinkling of telephones.

Employees are asked please to limit their telephone calls in the Bureau to emergency matters and to make these conversations as brief as possible.



BUREAU NOON HOUR RADIO  
BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The radio program of the Department is broadcast daily, except Sundays, from 12:55 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following members of this Bureau are on the program for the week beginning May 25:

May 27, 1:00 p.m., L. M. Davis, May Dairy Markets

1:10 p.m., G. A. Collier, May Grain Markets

May 28, 1:00 p.m., Roy C. Potts, May Egg and Poultry Markets.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

THE 1930 WHEAT MOVEMENT AS AFFECTED BY RECENT TRENDS IN MARKETING is discussed in a preliminary report by Carlos E. Campbell, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, just released. Last year the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, in cooperation with other divisions of the Bureau, collected data on movements weekly during the heavy marketing season as the basis for determining in advance where or when terminal markets might become congested, so that action might be taken to avoid congestion. This report is a summary of observations made in the course of the season.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS BY GROUPS AND BY MONTHS, UNITED STATES, 1890. are presented in a recent mimeograph released by the Division of Statistical and Historical Research. This series is computed by reducing to a 1910-1914 base the Bureau of Labor Statistics series entitled "Index Numbers of Wholesale Prices by Groups of Commodities and by Months" (1926 = 100).

MARKETING SUMMARIES FOR THE SEASON OF 1930 have been issued by the Fruit and Vegetable Division as follows: Marketing the Georgia Peach Crop (Georgia Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Markets, Cooperating), by R. H. Shoemaker; Marketing Mississippi Vegetables (Cabbage, Snap Beans, Carrots, Beets and Mixed Vegetables), by H. E. Rutland; Marketing Imperial Valley Cantaloupes (State of California Department of Agriculture, Division of Markets, Cooperating), by R. H. Lamb and L. T. Kirby; Marketing Mississippi Tomatoes, by H. E. Rutland.

THIRTY-SEVEN CARS OF GRAPEFRUIT WERE INSPECTED for export to Liverpool, England, during the week of April 27 by R. H. Von Glahn, in charge of the inspection office at Jacksonville, Fla., of the Fruit and Vegetable Division. The total number of grapefruit inspections in that city during the entire month of April amounted to 109 cars as against 41 cars during the same month last year.

UNITED STATES GRADES FOR CANNED CORN (Whole grain style) are defined in a mimeographed release of May 15.

UNITED STATES GRADES FOR CANNED LIMA BEANS also are defined in a recent mimeographed release.

IN THE LIBRARY:

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Messrs. Kitchen, Whalin, Gibbons and Burk expect to go to Chicago this week to meet with a joint committee of the Producers National Live-stock Marketing Association and the Institute of American Meat Packers with reference to standard market classes and grades of hogs. Following that meeting Mr. Whalin will proceed to St. Louis, Ft. Worth and Nashville on matters relating to the market news service.

Dr. C. L. Holmes, in charge of the Division of Farm Management and Costs, will represent the Bureau at the semi-annual meeting of The Tractor and Thresher Department of the National Association of Farm Equipment Manufacturers, to be held in Chicago, Ill., June 3. He is on the program for a discussion of the subject, "Shifts in Crop Areas." Dr. Holmes' attendance at this meeting will afford an opportunity to place before men interested in the manufacture of farm machinery, the research program of the Division of Farm Management and Costs and to learn their attitude on farm management problems to the extent it is involved in the manufacture and sale of machinery.

F. J. Hughes, Business Manager, is making a trip this week to the New York, Boston, and Philadelphia offices in the interest of the personnel and business work.

Distressing news was received in Washington on May 11 to the effect that Fred L. Wallace, in charge of the Federal Grain Supervision District Office in Boston, had suffered a stroke on that day and been taken to the hospital.

A. B. Genung, Division of Economic Information, who has been absent for several weeks on account of illness, has gone to his former home in Freeville, N. Y., for treatment.

George H. Powers, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, will transfer effective June 1 to Philadelphia to assist Edward Small, in charge of the division's local office, in the conduct of the market news and grading service on dairy and poultry products. Coincident with Mr. Powers' transfer, V. G. Vizbara of the Boston office will be transferred to Philadelphia, and E. K. Ball of the Philadelphia office, to Washington.

You can't get ahead of the ladies Miss Mildred Hill, popular young clerk in the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, put one over on the two prospective bridegrooms, Messrs. Edler and Booker, by stealing quietly away Saturday, May 16, and marrying Fred D. Binkley, of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Best wishes and congratulations! Tell us a woman can't keep a secret.

The Secretary's findings in the case of the American Fruit Growers, Inc., vs. F. C. Spadaro and Company, alleging the unjustified rejection of one car of grapefruit and 2 cars of tomatoes, will not be made public until the parties interested have had an opportunity to obtain copies of the record and to file briefs. Hearings held in this case in Philadelphia last Tuesday and Wednesday were attended by W. A. Sherman, in charge, and H. A. Spilman, Fruit and Vegetable Division.

More than 20 members of the Division of Agricultural Finance are planning to have a jolly time together tonight at the circus, proving that this division group like each other out of the office as well as in. It is hoped that Mr. Englund will be able to join the party.

Mrs. Grace Leonard Smith, secretary to Mr. Olsen, is on a motor trip to Tennessee. She left Washington May 13 and expects to return on June 1.

V. N. Valgren, Division of Agricultural Finance, will address the International Conference of Hail Insurance Commissioners, who will meet at Denver, Colo., June 1, 2 and 3, on the subject, "Meeting the Farmer's Real Need for Hail Insurance." He will also give an address at the meeting of the American Institute of Cooperation, in session at Manhattan, Kans., June 8-13, his subject there being "The Insurance Needs of the Farmer." The Institute for the first time this year will give special attention to cooperation in insurance. In addition to Mr. Valgren's part in the general program, there will be two group conferences in the afternoon given over entirely to various forms of insurance of interest to farmers and their co-operative marketing and purchasing associations.

The Division of Farm Management and Costs, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania State College of Agriculture, has under way in Chester County, Pennsylvania, a farm management survey, relating particularly to the dairy industry, the principal source of income in the county. Such factors are being studied as the changes in farm practice and farm organization during the last 10 years and changes in production practices as the result of price changes. For the last two weeks Emil Rauchenstein and T. D. Johnson have been in the field making preparations for this survey; they expect to be away for another month completing the field study. Miss Alma Bertholf of the Division of Farm Management and Costs has been detailed to assist with the statistical work in the field.

L. B. Burk and Meade T. Foster, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, were in southwestern Virginia last week and inaugurated a three-weeks program of lamb grading demonstrations in cooperation with the Virginia Bureau of Markets and the Virginia State Extension Service. As a part of this program, Mr. Burk plans to go to New York City this week to determine whether the grade of the carcasses agrees with the grade given the live lambs.

Frederick Winterstein, a member of the firm of P. Winterstein and Son, exporters in Budapest, visited the Bureau last week with an introduction to E. G. Boerner, in charge of Grain Investigations, from Baron Paul Schell, Attaché of the Hungarian Legation. Mr. Winterstein is in the United States for the purpose of studying the methods employed here in cleaning grain, the grading of United States export rice, the method of cleaning and preparing beans for market, and the Bureau's standardization and inspection service for beans. After calling on Mr. Boerner in regard to the grain matters he interviewed J. E. Barr of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division concerning the various questions relating to beans which he is investigating. Mr. Winterstein will go to Michigan from Washington to confer with manufacturers of bean cleaning machinery, and to visit warehouses and cleaning plants. Among other things, he is planning to make business contacts in the United States for the purpose of purchasing American rice, which he proposes to do on the basis of Federal-State inspection certificate.

Last week representatives of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and the University of Maryland, came to Washington and called on Bureau officials, urging that the livestock market news service be extended to Baltimore.

Fifty men participated in the regular Departmental Spring golf tournament on May 11 at the Army, Navy and Marine Club. Thirty-six holes were played. The only Bureau member among the winners was L. J. Kissler of the Graphics Section, who made fourth low net score on 18 holes. On May 14 the informal Departmental tournament was held at East Potomac Park. L. C. Rountree, Division of Cotton Marketing, won the low net score of 71. The next tournament will be played on May 28 at East Potomac Park.



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## FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE SENDING FOUR MEN ABROAD.

Within the next month the Foreign Agricultural Service will send four men abroad; three will be regularly assigned to foreign posts and one will make a special study for the Bureau.

Harry E. Reed, who has recently joined the service as livestock, meat, and wool commodity specialist, will sail with his family from New York on June 3 on the S. S. Republic for his permanent post in London, England. Mr. Reed will be engaged on two projects, one dealing with the collection and analysis of information on wool and mohair in the United Kingdom and Continental Europe, and the other dealing with the competition and demand for pork and pork products in the United Kingdom.

Before joining the Bureau Mr. Reed was Professor of Animal Husbandry at Kansas State Agricultural College and in charge of sheep investigations at the agricultural experiment station.

Joseph H. Shollenberger, former member of the Grain Division and in charge of the Milling, Baking and Chemical Laboratory, has just been reinstated in the Bureau as grain specialist in the Foreign Agricultural Service. He reported in Washington May 19. Mr. Shollenberger will investigate and report on the factors influencing the European demand for American wheat. His headquarters will be in London, England. His territory will be all of Western Europe. He is scheduled to sail with his family from New York on June 13 on the S. S. President Harding.

Bert W. Whitlock, in charge of the Pacific Coast Headquarters of the Grain Division, has been detailed to the Foreign Agricultural Service to make a study of malting barley requirements in the United Kingdom. The purpose of the study is to collect and analyze information which will assist barley growers in this country in determining the type of marketing facilities and practices that can handle export malting barley most advantageously. Mr. Whitlock has been consulting with barley interests on the West Coast preparatory to his trip abroad. He will sail for England June 8 and will make his headquarters in the office of Edward A. Foley, agricultural attaché, in London. It is expected that Mr. Whitlock will be engaged on this study about six months.

Lester DeW. Mallory has been appointed, effective June 16, as assistant agricultural commissioner in the Bureau's office in Marseilles, France. Mr. Mallory will assist Niels I. Nielsen, who is in charge of the Marseilles office, in the collection and analysis of information pertaining to the production and marketing of fruit and nut crops in the Mediterranean Basin. Mr. Mallory will sail for his post some time in June.

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HAY, FEED AND SEED DIVISION TO HOLD  
FIRST NEWS SERVICE CONFERENCE.

The Division of Hay, Feed and Seed will hold a meeting of its market news service staff June 15 to 20 at Kansas City, Missouri. This will be the first time that the entire Washington and field force of the market news projects of the division has been brought together to discuss common problems and decide on a future program of work. Consideration will be given to the needs growing out of the rapidly developing services. In an effort to determine more definitely the methods of obtaining information, its reliability, and other pertinent factors, each branch of the service will be discussed at separate round table conferences.

The Washington office will be represented at the meeting by W. A. Wheeler, G. A. Collier, G. C. Edler, G. F. Booker, F. J. Hosking, and John T. Pearson. The field representatives who will attend are: G. B. Alguire and Don C. Rogers, Kansas City, Mo.; F. C. Bisson, Chicago, Ill.; J. T. Cameron, Los Angeles, Calif.; Edgar V. Gipson, Denver, Colo.; A. D. Harlan, Atlanta, Ga.; Chas. F. Huffman, Portland, Oreg.; Howard V. Kittle, Lansing, Mich.; W. R. Kuehn, Minneapolis, Minn.; and F. L. Lyons, San Francisco, Calif.

The present grain, hay and feed service began in a small way in 1920, when reviews of the hay and feed market were provided weekly for The Market Reporter, which had its initial publication in January of that year. Later the reviews were extended to include grain. The first allotment of funds specifically for grain market news was made July 1, 1923, when \$10,000 was appropriated. At that time the personnel consisted of one market specialist, one clerk, and one stenographer. Since that time the service has grown steadily until now it embraces grain, hay, feed, rice, broomcorn, beans, and hops. The present staff in Washington consists of 4 technical employees, and 9 statistical or clerical employees. There are seven field offices in which marketing specialists devote their entire time to market news and three field offices in which the men in charge devote a part of their time to that work.

Reviews covering the various commodities are issued weekly from Washington and most of the field offices. These are supplemented by more comprehensive semi-monthly and monthly reviews, which are distributed largely through trade publications. In addition, a number of special reports are released covering stocks of grain, production of alfalfa meal, movement and stocks of rice and beans, as well as more comprehensive quarterly summaries of the market situation, particularly on wheat, flax, hay, and feed grains. Approximately 1,000 reviews are released yearly by this project.

The service now reaches the entire country. While most of the reports are prepared in Washington, they are available throughout the United States within 24 to 36 hours.

The Seed Reporting Service had its inception during the War, the first report being issued in November, 1917. These reports continued to be printed in the Seed Reporter until October, 1919, since which time they have been disseminated in mimeographed form. They have always been prepared in Washington, mainly from information obtained through formal inquiries from thousands of seed growers and country shippers, but also from information furnished by voluntary and paid correspondents in the seed trade and by branch office men, State agricultural statisticians and others.



These reports deal with supplies, movement, demand and prices of each of the important kinds of field seeds, making the information available to the grower before he has sold his seed crop and likewise to the buyer or consumer before he is ready to purchase his seed requirements. There is no commercial service in seeds that approaches in scope this division's service, and practically all its reports are printed in full by the two seed-trade papers.

DR. STINE DESIGNATED A MEMBER  
OF FEDERAL STATISTICS BOARD.

Dr. O. C. Stine has been designated by Secretary Hyde as one of two representatives of the Department of Agriculture to serve on the Federal Statistics Board established by the Bureau of the Budget on April 10, 1931. Milton S. Eisenhower, Director of Information of the Department is the other representative.

This Board has been established for the purpose of effecting economies in the collection, compilation and dissemination of statistical information by agencies of the Federal Government and to provide for the fullest possible use of such information and of the personnel and facilities which are, or may be, concerned with its collection, compilation and dissemination. It is under the supervision of the Chief Coordinator.

Members of the Board consist of a chairman and two members each of the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Labor, and the Treasury (including the Federal Reserve Board), and one member each of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Federal Trade Commission, Federal Farm Board, Tariff Commission, Bureau of Efficiency, Civil Service Commission, and the Veterans' Administration.

Budget circular 293, announcing the establishing of this Board, reads in part as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the Federal Statistics Board to study the existing situation with regard to the collection, compilation, dissemination and utilization of statistics by agencies of the Federal Government and to make recommendations to the Chief Coordinator looking to the elimination of needless duplication in statistical work and the fullest possible utilization of statistical information collected and the personnel and facilities concerned therewith, as well as the most effective and economical means of procuring additional statistics for which there may be a reasonable demand."

EXAMINATION FOR ASSISTANT WAREHOUSE  
EXAMINER IS ANNOUNCED.

The Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for the position of Assistant Warehouse Examiner (Cotton, Bulk, and Sack Grain) for duty in Washington or the field. The salary range of this position is \$2600 to \$3000 a year. Competitors will not be required to report for examination at any place, but will be rated on their education and experience, and on a thesis or discussion. Application blanks, indicating the various requirements for entrance to this examination, may be obtained from the Personnel Section of the Bureau or from the Civil Service Commission. The closing date for receipt by the Commission of applications is June 10.

DR. FETROW GOES TO  
FEDERAL FARM BOARD.

Dr. Ward W. Fetrow, senior agricultural economist of the Division of Cotton Marketing, tendered his resignation to accept an appointment to the Federal Farm Board on May 16. He will be in charge of that section of the Division of Cooperative Marketing which is concerned with studies of cotton.

Dr. Fetrow was appointed in the Bureau on June 16, 1928, from the economics department of Oklahoma A. & M. College. As leader of the research project in Cotton Demand - Its Trends, Changes and Causes, Dr. Fetrow has made valuable contribution to the Bureau's work, and his decision to leave the Bureau has been the source of genuine regret to his associates.

GRAIN DIVISION TO CONDUCT  
GRADING SCHOOL ON WHEELS.

Through the courtesy of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, the Grain Division of this Bureau and the College of Agriculture of the University of Illinois have arranged a series of one-day grain grading schools to be held at ten points in the State during the first two weeks of June.

A car has been fitted up as a grain inspection laboratory and intensive instruction on grain grading will be given under the direction of representatives of the Chicago grain supervision district office.

This is not to be merely a series of lectures. Those in attendance will be given samples of grain to grade, and will receive personal help covering those points about which they are uncertain. The invitation asks prospective attendants to bring samples of their own grain on which they are in doubt concerning certain grading factors. The schools are intended primarily for elevator operators and will be of particular interest to them, but others will be welcome up to the capacity of the car.

The grain grading school will be held on the following dates at the places indicated:

Champaign	June 1	Mendota	June 8
Arcola	June 2	El Paso	June 9
Gilman	June 3	Clinton	June 10
Gibson City	June 4	Springfield	June 11
Kankakee	June 5	Delavan	June 12

UNITED STATES A LARGE BUYER  
OF MEXICAN TOMATOES.

The demand for Mexican tomatoes by this country during the last year has been practically as large as in any other single year except 1930, in spite of the new 3 cent tariff that has been levied upon imported tomatoes. R. H. Bertelson, licensed inspector in charge of the tomato inspection work at Nogales, Ariz., reports that he inspected 2,470 cars of this product during the present season. He accounts for the continued large purchases of Mexican tomatoes by American dealers by the fact that Florida has practically given little competition in the



market, owing to the adverse weather conditions that have existed there this season, and that Texas late in the season was not a keen competitor on account of the cold weather and other unfavorable conditions in that State. Mr. Bartelson believes that notwithstanding the high tariff, Mexican operators as a whole have had a very satisfactory profit for the season. He has just completed the inspection season at Nogales.

BUREAU NOON HOUR RADIO  
BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The national radio program of the Department is broadcast daily except Sundays, from 12:55 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following members of this Bureau are on the program for the week beginning June 1:

June 1, 1:00 p.m., J. Clyde Marquis, Comments on the Agricultural Situation

June 3, 1:00 p.m., L. A. Wheeler, Foreign News of Agriculture

June 4, 1:00 p.m., W. A. Sherman, New Inspection on Canned Fruits and Vegetables.

The western radio program of the Department is broadcast daily except Saturdays and Sundays, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Pacific standard time. Field members of the Bureau are on this program for the week beginning June 1, as follows:

June 1, 12:30 p.m., The Grain Market Situation, Frank L. Lyons

June 2, 12:30 p.m., The Daily Market Situation, Frank McCampbell

June 3, 12:30 p.m., Standards for Grading Meats, W. E. Schneider

June 5, 12:30 p.m., On Fruit and Vegetable Markets, C. J. Hansen

BUREAU BREVITIES.

THE OHIO FARM BUREAU FEDERATION FROM THE FARMERS' VIEWPOINT, a preliminary report prepared by T. B. Manny, senior agricultural economist, Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, in cooperation with the Federal Farm Board, and R. C. Smith, assistant professor of rural economics, Ohio State University, is a recent multigraphed release. This study of membership problems of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation was undertaken at the special request of the board of directors of the organization. The purpose of the survey was to see this organization through the eyes of farmers as one means of obtaining light upon some of the problems that face the Farm Bureau Federation especially as the bureau seeks to expand its membership.

FOUR-H CLUB WORK IN WEST VIRGINIA, by T. L. Harris, has recently been released by the College of Agriculture, West Virginia University, as Bulletin 241. This study was pursued in cooperation with the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life.

MARKETING ARIZONA CANTALOUPE, 1930 season, by L. C. Tate, is a recent market summary released by the Fruit and Vegetable Division.

USES AND PRODUCTS MADE OF CORN, a compilation by Miss C. Louise Phillips, scientific assistant, and E. G. Boerner, in charge of Grain Investigations, is now available in mimeographed form for distribution.

IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending May 22 are:

- Brandt, Karl. Die schäden der deutschen milchwirtschaft, ...Berlin, Magazin der wirtschaft, 1930. 50p. (Die schriften des magazins der wirtschaft, hrsg. von R. Bernfoeld. 3) 44 B732S.
- Conference on the development of agricultural co-operative business, Aberystwyth, 1930. Report of Conference on development of agricultural co-operative business. Friday, May 30th, 1930. Aberystwyth, University college, Department of agricultural economics, 1930. 45p. Mimeographed. 280.29 C763 1930.
- Cotton-textile institute, inc. Cotton bags for potatoes, fruit and nuts; a study of their present potential use for retail packaging. New York, 1930. 12p. 280.31 C82.
- Cox, Harold. The taxation of site values... London, The Land union [1930] 22p. 284.5 C83.
- Eaton, Allen & Harrison, S. M. A bibliography of social surveys; reports of fact-finding studies made as a basis for social action; arranged by subjects and localities, reports to January 1, 1928. New York, Russell Sage foundation, 1930. 467p. 241.3 Ea8.
- Grote, Ernst. Betrachtungen zum sozialdemokratischen agrarprogramm des Kieler parteitages. [Hamburg] 1930. 94p. Inaug.-diss.-Berlin. 282 G91.
- League of nations. The League of nations; a pictorial survey. Geneva [1930] [29] p. 280.9 L47L.
- Massachusetts. Dept. of agriculture. Division of markets. Direct marketing; a brief discussion of the principles of direct marketing, together with illustrations of successful marketing practice. Supplement to an address by Dr. Arthur W. Gilbert before the National farm and garden association... Nov. 6-8, 1930. Boston, Mass. dept. of agriculture, 1930. 21p. Mimeographed. 280.3 M342.
- National industrial conference board, inc. A picture of world economic conditions at the beginning of 1931. [v.6] New York, National industrial conference board, inc., 1931. 349p. 280 N214.
- Ontario. Dept. of agriculture. Fruit and vegetable marketing commission. Report of the Ontario fruit and vegetable marketing commission. Toronto, 1931. 37 p. Mimeographed. folio 280.3 On83.
- Spengler, Edwin H. Land values in New York in relation to transit facilities. New York [Columbia university press] 1930. 181p. Thesis (Ph.D.) - Columbia university, New York City. 282 Sp32.

HERE AND THERE.

Members of the administrative office have just received a friendly note from Mr. Olsen, written on board the S. S. Leviathan, May 9, indicating that he was well started on his trip. As reported in The B. A. E. News of May 5, Mr. Olsen has been sent to Europe to represent this Government at the conference of wheat-exporting nations held in London May 19. While abroad he will inspect the Bureau's offices and attend as an official delegate the World's Dairy Congress at Copenhagen in July.

C. A. Anderson, Livestock, Meats and Wool, will transfer about June 1 from San Francisco to the Denver office of the division.



Dr. L. C. Gray, in charge of the Division of Land Economics, is on the program of the twenty-fourth annual convention of the National Association of Real Estate Boards at Baltimore, Md., May 28, to give an address on the subject, "Farm Land As An Investment Today." He will also give an address entitled "The Land Situation in the Southern Appalachians" before the fifty-sixth annual meeting of the American Forestry Association at Asheville, N. C., June 3.

George L. Crawford, Division of Cotton Marketing, and Russell S. Kifer, Division of Farm Management and Costs, have returned to the Bureau after completing a year of graduate work at Columbia University under fellowships granted them by the Social Science Research Council.

Co-workers of Fred L. Garlock, Division of Agricultural Finance, were happy to have him return last week from an extended leave of absence on account of illness.

Dr. W. J. Spillman, Division of Farm Management and Costs, will discuss "Types of Farming" before negro students and white and negro farmers of Rock Castle, Va., May 28. Two years ago Dr. C. B. Smith of the Extension Service and Dr. Spillman visited this same group and made recommendations concerning the farm which adjoins the negroes' school. On this trip Dr. Spillman will see how well these recommendations have been carried out.

George F. Booker, Division of Hay, Feed, and Seed, and Miss Geneva Stiffler, of Marion, Ohio, were married on May 23. Congratulations and sincere good wishes, Mr. and Mrs. Booker!

Robert J. Cheatham appeared on the program of the Cotton Festival, at Houston, Texas, May 21 where he read a paper on "Increasing the Uses for Cotton." He is also attending meetings of the Mississippi Division of the Association for the Increased Use of Cotton, being held at the following points: Mississippi A. & M. College, May 25; Tupelo, Miss., May 26; Oxford, May 27; Clarksdale, May 28; Greenwood, May 29; Meridian, June 1; Hattiesburg, June 2; Brookhaven, June 3; Jackson, June 4. Following these meetings, Mr. Cheatham will go to Memphis, Tenn., to confer with the Secretary of the Memphis Chamber of Commerce about exhibits of cotton bags for packaging farm products, and to Saint Louis, Mo., to interview officials of bag companies in regard to the use of cotton bags for the shipment of oranges.

W. G. Lenson, of the Detroit market news office, Fruit and Vegetable Division, is transferring to the work under the P.A.C. Act and will join that force June 1. He will spend a few days with W. L. Evans in investigating complaints under the Produce Agency Act in the Central States before coming to Washington.

The condition of Donald F. Christy, assistant agricultural commissioner at Berlin, Germany, following an operation for appendicitis on May 20, was reported last week to be satisfactory. Washington friends send best wishes for his early recovery.

Having completed several weeks' vacation in Texas, Miss Elizabeth M. Bayliss, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, will return on Wednesday.

Mrs. Elsie Romero of the Photographic Laboratory will start on a month's vacation on May 29. She will visit her family in Los Angeles, Calif., and also spend some time in New Mexico.

Maurice R. Cooper, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, will leave Washington by automobile June 4 for three weeks' vacation at his home in Center, Texas.

At the meeting of the American Association of Cereal Chemists in Louisville, Kentucky, May 18-31, Dr. D. A. Coleman, in charge of the Milling, Baking and Chemical Laboratory of this Bureau, was made editor of "Cereal Chemistry," the official organ of the Association, and chairman of the Association's Committee on Methods of Laboratory Baking.

Former associates learned with sincere regret that John J. Darg, field statistician of this Bureau for 19 years, who retired in July, 1921, has suffered the loss of his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Darg had been married for about 50 years. Mrs. Darg was buried on Friday, May 22, from the Piney Church, near her home at Bryantown, Md.

Rob R. Slocum and T. W. Heitz, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, are conducting a poultry grading school this week in Nevada, Iowa. Supervisors of the poultry grading work in Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota, and Indiana are attending the school. These supervisors have charge of poultry grading in more than 40 poultry packing plants. F. L. McKittrick and C. E. Edmunds of the Chicago office of the division are also attending the school.

An early June bride of the Bureau will be Miss Josephine Janet Hoffman of the Division of Cotton Marketing. Miss Hoffman and Henry William Steinmetz will be married at Saint Albans Episcopal Church, Washington, D. C., June 6. Bureau friends extend best wishes for happiness.

W. C. Davis, of the Washington office, and J. S. Campbell, Chicago office, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, are on the program of the annual convention of the Illinois State Association of Retail Meat Dealers, June 7-8, at Waukegan, Ill. Mr. Davis will discuss the advantages of beef grading to retail meat dealers, and Mr. Campbell, the value of the market news service to retail meat dealers.

Lawrence Myers, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, will attend meetings of vocational teachers of agriculture in Florida, June 8-13, and discuss the outlook of the Bureau as a phase of vocational education in agriculture. His attendance at these meetings will follow his participation in similar meetings in Georgia on May 27 and May 28, as reported in The B. A. E. News of May 12.

Robert B. Emery, has been appointed as assistant marketing specialist in the Fruit and Vegetable Division. He reported last week for instruction in the inspectors' training class now being conducted in Chicago. Mr. Emery attended the California College of Agriculture during 1922 and 1923. From 1924 until his present appointment he was employed by the California State Department of Agriculture in several capacities, as a horticultural inspector, helping to enforce the standardization laws, and as a shipping-point inspector. He has supervised a number of important inspection deals in California.

We are happy to report the return of Miss Mary E. Van Houton, Division of Hay, Feed and Seed, after an absence on account of illness.

Lester Kilpatrick of the New York office of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products is on a field trip to Topeka, Kans., Des Moines, Ia., and Minneapolis, Minn., where he is cooperating with representatives of the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils in conducting an investigation of the processing of eggs in vacuum with oil.



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## TRAINING SCHOOL OF DIVISION OF COTTON MARKETING TO CLOSE THIS WEEK.

Completing a highly profitable two weeks of work, the training school which the Division of Cotton Marketing has been conducting in Washington will be brought to a close on Saturday, June 6.

Twenty men, ten of whom are from the field, have been participating in this school, the primary purpose of which has been to train those members upon whom will fall the responsibility of supervising the classification of cotton by licensed classifiers under the U. S. Cotton Standards Act and the U. S. Warehouse Act. A part of the time has been devoted to a study of the law and regulations and to administrative procedure; part has been used in studying some of the laboratory work of the division which bears on questions relating to cotton classification and cotton quality; and the remainder has been spent in the study of actual classing, with the assistance of the Appeal Board of Review Examiners and members of the Supervisory Board of Memphis who are in Washington to assist with the school.

## MR. VALGREN TO SERVE ON PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE.

At the invitation of Secretary of Commerce Lamont, Victor N. Valgren of the Division of Agricultural Finance will serve as a member of the Committee on Farm and Village Housing of the President's Conference on Home Building and Home Ownership. Dean A. R. Mann of the New York State Colleges of Agriculture and Home Economics has accepted the chairmanship of this committee. The first meeting has been called for June 4 at the Department of Commerce.

The purpose of the Committee on Farm and Village Housing is to study the problem of improving the quality of rural and village homes with reference to contemporary problems and trends, design and construction of new and old buildings, the financing of farm homes, regional planning for rural districts and village planning, ownership and tenancy, landscaping, planting, furnishing, decoration, remodeling and modernizing of rural and village homes.

## CHEESE BOARD COMMITTEE CONSIDERS PRICE PROBLEM AT SECOND MEETING.

L. M. Davis, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, attended the second meeting of the Cheese Board Investigations Committee in Green Bay, Wisc., May 19. The appointment of this committee followed the meeting

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of protest which was held at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, some time ago, at which meeting there was considerable criticism of the Cheese Boards at Plymouth.

At the recent meeting the cheese price problem was further discussed, with particular reference to the practicability of a committee plan. Such a committee would be composed of representatives of producers, manufacturers, and distributors, would act as nearly as possible in reaching the determination of fact as to what is a fair price for cheese under existing market conditions, and would make public its judgment, no compulsion, however, resting upon any person to abide by the price which such committee might indicate. The adoption of such a plan will, of course, depend upon its legality as determined by the State and Federal Governments. The part which this Bureau might take in connection with the operation of such a plan would merely be the supplying of market information and statistics which would be useful to the committee in its deliberations.

A third meeting of the Cheese Board Investigations Committee was held in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, on May 28, at which this Bureau was not represented.

TWO RECENT HEARINGS HELD. TWO MORE  
TO BE HELD UNDER P. A. C. ACT.

Several cases under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act have recently reached the stage for the holding of public hearings. Complaints filed by O. N. Harsha against T. B. Pearman & Co., Inc., and the Richmond Fruit & Produce Co., alleging failure to keep adequate records, were heard in Richmond, Va., May 28. On Friday, May 29, another hearing was held in Richmond, involving a complaint made by Elmer G. Porter of Caywood, N. Y., against J. Thomas Burnett of Richmond, alleging unjustified rejection of a car of grapes.

The complaint filed by the Agricultural Exchange, Pittsburgh, against the B. & D. Fruit Company of Boston will be heard in Boston, Friday, June 5. This complaint alleges rejection without reasonable cause of a car of grapes.

A hearing will be held in the Suffolk County Court House at Riverhead, Long Island, Tuesday, June 9, against the Long Island Produce & Fertilizer Co., Inc., and I. M. Young & Co., Inc., both of Riverhead. These complaints were filed by Felix Spatola of Philadelphia, and allege failure to deliver certain cars of potatoes in accordance with the terms of contract.

Judge R. L. Dillman and C. P. Dorr of the Solicitor's office attended the first two of these hearings and will also attend the two hearings scheduled to be held. O. N. Harsha of the Regulatory Branch of the Fruit and Vegetable Division represented the Bureau at the hearings in Richmond.

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Never give up. The world is big, but it has no place for quitters.  
-- Seed World.



ENGLISH STATISTICIAN TO GIVE  
TWO LECTURES FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL.

The statistical staff of the Bureau will be interested in the lectures on statistical methods to be given under the auspices of the Graduate School by Dr. R. A. Fisher of Rothamsted Experiment Station, England, on June 9 and 10 beginning at three o'clock, in the National Museum.

The announcement of these lectures, by Dr. A. F. Woods, Director of Scientific Work of the Department, reads:

"Dr. R. A. Fisher, of Rothamsted Experiment Station, has taken a leading part in the development of the modern concepts of statistical theory and at the same time has been sufficiently sensitive to the needs of the research worker to develop new and improved tools for testing and interpreting experimental data. The methods set forth in his book on Statistical Methods for Research Workers are widely used in the analysis of experimental data.

While en route to the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts to deliver a course of lectures on statistical methods Doctor Fisher has consented to stop off in Washington and under the auspices of the Graduate School to deliver two lectures on statistical methods, on June 9 and 10, beginning at three o'clock, in the U. S. National Museum.

The method of analysis advocated by Doctor Fisher have been applied in practically all fields of biology and agriculture and those concerned with investigational and extension work will find much of interest in these lectures.

Not only the members of the Department but all who are interested in the subject are cordially invited to attend."

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FRED L. WALLACE
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Fred L. Wallace, grain supervisor of the Boston district, died at his home in Boston on May 25 following a brief illness.

Mr. Wallace was stricken with paralysis at the office on May 18. Walter J. Stanton, telegrapher in the local office, found him unconscious on the floor and immediately arranged for his care. He was taken to a hospital where he remained until the day before his death.

Mr. Wallace had been in the service 14 years. When he entered in June, 1917, he was assigned as grain supervisor at Omaha, Nebraska. In June, 1918, he was transferred to Boston where he served continuously as supervisor in charge of that district.

Associates in this Bureau esteemed Mr. Wallace highly. They regarded him not only as a thoroughly efficient worker, but as a delightful friend as well.

Mr. Wallace is survived by his wife and three daughters.

NEGRO SCHOOL FARMERS ADOPT  
NEW METHODS WITH SUCCESS.

Recommendations made two years ago by Dr. W. J. Spillman of the Division of Farm Management and Costs and Dr. C. B. Smith of the Extension Service, concerning the farm which adjoins the negro school at Rock Castle, Va., have been adopted with success, a recent trip to the farm by these men would indicate. They report on their return that the lespedeza sown on the school farm gives promise of producing highly productive pasture. White clover sown for pasture stood the drought last year and made good growth this year where three tons of lime were applied to the acre, but did quite poorly where only two tons of lime were applied. Both white and negro farmers in the vicinity of the school are growing alfalfa with marked success. Excellent crops of hay were being cut this year from alfalfa fields six to ten years old. Four tons of lime per acre were used in starting this alfalfa and several hundred pounds of acid phosphate were also applied. These alfalfa crops have become the basis of dairy farming in a locality formerly devoted almost wholly to the production of tobacco. In Powhatan and Goochland Counties the tobacco crop had almost disappeared.

COOPERATE WITH THE LIBRARY  
FOR BETTER SERVICE.

The Library asks you to return a book or a periodical only when some one else wishes to use it, or when you have had it for a very long time. Please respect these recall slips as the publication may be needed to supply some important information within the Department or in preparing the answer to an important letter. In case the publication is still in use in your office, notify the library at once as it may be possible to secure some other copy.

The sending of recall slips requires a great deal of time. The time for this work could be greatly reduced if each individual would be responsible for using the books and periodicals promptly and returning them at once to the Library. Some offices are very slow in handling the periodicals which they see on circulation. This may be unavoidable, but if each borrower realized what an unnecessary burden he is putting on the Library staff he would find some way of reorganizing his work so that books and periodicals would be passed more quickly.

Every minute saved from the routine of recalling overdue books and periodicals can be used in the Library to provide more adequate service for Bureau workers. The Library's aim is service. To make this service effective it must have your cooperation.

BUREAU NOON HOUR RADIO  
BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The national radio program of the Department is broadcast daily except Sundays, from 12:55 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following members of this Bureau are on the program for the week beginning June 8:

June 10, 1:00 p.m., Summary of the June Report:

W. F. Callander, The General Crop Situation

J. A. Becker, Grain and Hay Crops

Paul Koenig, Fruit and Vegetable Crops



The western radio program of the Department is broadcast daily except Saturdays and Sundays, 12:00 to 1:00 p. m., Pacific standard time. Field members of the Bureau are on this program for the week beginning June 8, as follows:

June 8, 12:30 p.m., Frank L. Lyons, The Grain Market Situation

June 9, 12:30 p.m., Frank H. McCampbell, The Egg and Poultry  
Market Situation

June 10, 12:30 p.m., W. E. Schneider, The Livestock Market  
Reporter's Work

12:49 p.m., Robert M. Gehl, The Story of Rice

June 12, 12:30 p.m., Carl J. Hansen, On Fruit and Vegetable Markets

#### BUREAU BREVITIES.

AN INDEX TO CALIFORNIA STATE SOURCES OF AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, covering fruits, vegetables and nuts, has been compiled by Miss Louise O. Bercaw, under the direction of Miss Mary G. Lacy, Bureau librarian. This index has been released as Part 1, Section 2 of Agricultural Economics Bibliography No. 31.

ARTICLES BY BUREAU PEOPLE in the Journal of Farm Economics, April, 1931, volume 13, no. 2, are:

National Land Policies in Retrospect and Prospect, L. C. Gray.

Our Farm Life Fiction, Caroline B. Sherman.

Re View of Penrose's "Food Supply and Raw Materials in Japan," O. E. Baker.

State Policies in Regulating Land Settlement Activities, William A. Hartman.

The New England Agricultural Outlook Conference, F. V. Waugh.

The Outlook for Land Utilization in the United States, O. E. Baker.

ESTIMATED NUMBERS OF APPLE TREES BY VARIETIES AND AGES, in Commercial Orchards in Kansas, and in Commercial and Farm Orchards in Utah, have been recently released as two studies, the first in cooperation with the Kansas State Board of Agriculture and the second in cooperation with the Utah State Department of Agriculture and the Utah Agricultural Experiment Station. These preliminary reports form a part of an economic study of the apple industry of the United States.

GRADE AND STAPLE OF ARKANSAS COTTON, Crops of 1928 and 1929, is a preliminary report by W. B. Lanham, and J. L. McCollum, Division of Cotton Marketing. Although the data presented regarding quality of cotton produced in Arkansas are available for only two crop years and are preliminary in that they are subject to revision, they indicate significant differences in the grade and staple length of the two crops, and of the crop ginned in the various sections of the State during the same crop year. This information is of interest to growers of cotton in Arkansas and to others connected with the cotton industry. Footnote credit is given Fred E. Nelson and Miss Florena Cleves for assistance given.

MARKETING WESTERN NEW YORK LETTUCE is a recent marketing summary by A. L. Thomas, Fruit and Vegetable Division. This summary was released cooperatively by the division and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

U. S. STANDARDS FOR PLUMS AND PRUNES (FRESH) 1931 are defined in a recent mimeograph release by the Fruit and Vegetable Division.

IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending May 29 are:

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HERE AND THERE.

H. S. Yche, in charge of the Warehouse Division, accompanied by representatives of the Federal Farm Board, is leaving Washington today for Lansing, Mich., to look into the storing of seed potatoes and the possibility of arranging for the licensing of seed warehouses. Mr. Yohe will not return until the end of the week.

Arthur C. Ringland, forest specialist of the Foreign Agricultural Service, will sail for Europe on the S. S. America, June 8. The object of Mr. Ringland's work abroad will be to keep closely in touch with the status and trends of forestry developments in Europe as an aid to the formulation of a national forest policy in the United States, the development of forest research, and the improvement of technical forestry practices.

Stephen Bray, in charge of the Salt Lake City and Ogden, Utah, market news offices of the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, with headquarters at Ogden, will transfer to the livestock reporting office to be established at Louisville, Kentucky, early in July. Elmer Lende of the Omaha, Nebraska, office, will succeed Mr. Bray in the Utah assignment. In addition to the reporting of the Ogden and Salt Lake City livestock markets, Mr. Lende will have field supervision of a service which the division plans to start some time this summer on the direct marketing of livestock in certain areas west of the Continental Divide.

Miss Mary G. Lacy, librarian, is spending the week at her home in Wytheville, Va. Miss Caroline B. Sherman, Bureau editor, will join Miss Lacy for a visit over the week end, and they will motor back together to Washington through the Valley of Virginia.

Byron Hunter, Division of Farm Management and Costs, left Washington for the Pacific Northwest May 29. He will spend some time at the University of Idaho in assisting Dr. Paul A. Eke in preparing a manuscript for a State bulletin reporting the results of a cooperative farm organization study made on the Southside Twin Falls Irrigation Project in 1930. While in the Northwest he will also confer with Dean Johnson of the Washington State College of Agriculture concerning a proposed economic study of the agriculture of the Yakima Valley. From the Northwest he will proceed to New Mexico to assist in a study of the agriculture of the Elephant Butte Irrigation project. Mr. Hunter will not return to Washington until October.

Governor John Garland Pollard of Virginia has just appointed George A. Collier of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, a delegate to represent the Commonwealth of Virginia at the Institute of Public Affairs to be held at the University of Virginia, University, Va., June 28-July 11, 1931.

Miss Carol S. Piper, secretary to Mr. Hobson, Foreign Agricultural Service, returned to the office Monday from two weeks' vacation, on which she renewed acquaintance at Wellesley College, her alma mater, and visited friends in Mount Vernon, New York.

Mr. Marquis and his family will motor to Boston over the week end to attend the graduation from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, of his elder son, Firth Marquis, as an electrical engineer.

B. Florens McCarthy, in charge of the New York office of the Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool, will discuss the development in meat grading at a meeting of the New York State Association of Retail Meat Dealers in Buffalo, N. Y., June 8.

Dr. D. A. Coleman, in charge of the Milling, Baking, and Chemical Laboratory, Grain, Division, left Washington Sunday for Chicago, Kansas City and Omaha, Nebraska, and Minneapolis, Minn., at which points he will meet with mill operatives and chemists and discuss the matter of determining the moisture in cereal grains, and visit mill baking laboratories to investigate the methods and equipment now in use for evaluating baking qualities in wheat.

Everett E. Edwards, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, will leave Washington by automobile June 3 for Northfield, Minn., to attend the commencement exercises at Carleton College in which his brother is participating as a graduate. Mr. Edwards, who plans to be on leave for a month will also visit his parents in Waltham, Minn.

Miss Leona Sportsman, Division of Economic Information, is spending a month's vacation at her home in Iowa. She will be on leave until the end of June.

W. B. Lanham, Division of Cotton Marketing, is making a trip through the South for the purpose of interviewing State officials in regard to the work of estimating the grade, staple length and character of the cotton crop as ginned, which the division is carrying on cooperatively with the States.

When Frank Parker, agricultural statistician for North Carolina, accompanied by his wife, was driving to Washington recently to serve as a member of the Crop Reporting Board, he met with an accident just out of Petersburg, Va., his car skidding on a slippery road and crashing into a car coming in the opposite direction. Mrs. Parker received painful injuries to her head, necessitating her removal to a hospital at Petersburg. Mr. Parker received cuts and bruises, but was able to proceed to Washington and sit with the Board. The car was completely demolished. Mrs. Parker is reported to be recovering slowly.

Miss Amy Grace Jordan, Division of Land Economics, was married to George Y. Harvey, on May 26, at Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey motored to Asheville, N. C., on their honeymoon. They are both residents of Missouri and have been friends for some time. Mr. Harvey is Secretary to the Congressman from their Congressional District. Friends of the couple in the division and Bureau extend heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

News from the South indicates that bachelors and maids there are showing the same symptoms of spring as many of them are in this section. Crop Estimates has an announcement of the wedding on May 23 of John Jackson Morgan, junior crop and livestock estimator of the staff at Raleigh, N. C., and Miss Evelyn Alice Peacock. Washington friends add their good wishes to the others that are being received.



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## ANNUAL SEED VERIFICATION CONFERENCE TO MEET IN LOUISVILLE THIS YEAR.

At the invitation of the Division of Hay, Feed and Seed, dealers now enrolled in the Seed Verification Service and others considering enrolment or who are interested will meet with W. A. Wheeler and G. C. Edler of the division at the Brown Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky, on Wednesday, June 24, at 9:00 a.m., to consider plans for the conduct and operation of the Service the coming season. The conference is scheduled at this time for the convenience of the members of the Farm Seed Association of North America and the American Seed Trade Association who will be in attendance at the conventions of those associations. It is expected that approximately 100 dealers will be present at the Bureau's meeting.

Probably the most important question to be considered this year is the modification of the tag certificate to indicate clearly that origin of the seed is covered and not the purity, germination or quality of the seed. Immediately after the meeting careful consideration will be given to suggestions made, and dealers will be notified promptly of any changes that are to be made in the Service.

The division is looking for a larger enrolment of dealers in the Service for red clover verification next season as a result of the action this spring of the Toledo Board of Trade in requiring that all Prime red clover seed shall be verified as to origin by this Department. No intimation of this action had been given the division officials, and it was with some surprise that they recently learned of it.

## DEPARTMENT AND TRADE DISCUSS PROGRAM OF DAIRY STATISTICS.

The Bureau's dairy statistics program received the full endorsement of representatives of the dairy interests at their meeting with members of the Bureau in Washington June 3. Both the officials of the Bureau and the men representing the industry feel that the program can be strengthened along several lines. The meeting followed one held the previous day by the full dairy industry statistical committee, a committee organized as a result of the National Dairy Conference in St. Louis early last March, at which this Department was represented. Members of this statistical committee who assembled in the Bureau June 3 were: Dr. H. A. Ross, The Borden Company, New York City; Dr. Leland Spencer, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.; R. E. Little, secretary, International Association of Milk Dealers, Chicago, Ill.; R. C. Hibben, International Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers, Harrisburg, Penn.; Dr. F. E. Rice, secretary, Evaporated Milk Association, Chicago, Ill.; Roud McCann, secretary, American Dry Milk Institute, Chicago, Ill.; Frank A. Wills, Supplee-Wills-Jones Milk Company, Philadelphia, Penn.;

and W. H. Bronson, New England Milk Producers' Association, Boston, Mass.

The Bureau appointed a committee composed of the following members to meet with the dairy group: Dr. O. C. Stine, chairman, in charge, Division of Statistical and Historical Research; L. M. Davis and E. W. Gaumnitz, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products; J. B. Shepard, Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates; and E. E. Vial, Division of Statistical and Historical Research. The discussion of the meeting centered largely on suggestions presented by the committee representing the industry, on the Bureau's program in dairy statistics, and on a program of periodic reports relating to the dairy situation which had been outlined by the Bureau committee.

Officials of the Bureau and the committee representing the industry were in agreement on recommended improvements in dairy statistics. Meetings of this kind are looked upon with favor because of the opportunity which they afford for discussing mutual problems. It is believed that this meeting will result in closer cooperation with the industry in the collection and use of statistical and other information services rendered by this Department.

#### HOG GRADES FOR TRADING PURPOSES CONSIDERED AT CHICAGO MEETING.

As a result of a conference in Chicago on May 22 between Bureau officials and representatives of the Institute of American Meat Packers and of the National Cooperative Livestock Marketing Association, it was decided to conduct a series of elaborate experiments to provide statistical data desirable in the accurate determination of hog grades for trading purposes. Mr. Kitchen, and C. V. Whalin, C. E. Gibbons and L. B. Burk of the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, represented this Bureau at the meeting. Exhibits of the clay models demonstrating the tentative hog grade standards set up by the Bureau were very useful in directing the discussion and enabled the conferees to arrive at more definite ideas regarding standards for grades than otherwise would have been possible.

The committee which conducted the experiments in Chicago included Messrs. Gibbons and Burk of the Washington office, and D. J. Slater of the Chicago office, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool; Herman Conway and David Swanson, both former members of this Bureau and now connected with the National Livestock Producers Marketing Association; R. C. Ashby, representing the University of Illinois; and representatives of the meat packing industry, designated by the Institute of American Meat Packers. Approximately 1,000 hogs were slaughtered and studied carefully by the committee in their effort to obtain the information desired. After the data thus collected have been classified and tabulated, it is proposed to hold another conference in the summer of the same group that met in Chicago recently, for the purpose of arriving at definite agreement as to the number of hog grades that will be practical from a trade standpoint.

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULES GOVERNING P.A.C. ACT DISCUSSED AT MEETING.

At the invitation of the Bureau, representatives of the National League of Commission Merchants, the American Fruit and Vegetable Association, the International Apple Association, the Western Fruit Jobbers, and a few other members of the trade met in the Chief's office on June 3 to confer with Bureau officials on amendments to the rules and regula-



tions of the Secretary governing the enforcement of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act.

The purpose of the proposed amendments is to make certain trading rules and definitions of trade terms which have been adopted by trade organizations a part of the rules and regulations governing the Act. The particular subjects of discussion were definitions of the terms "f. o. b.," "f. o. b. acceptance," and "f. o. b. acceptance final," and a definition for the term "suitable shipping condition." Tentative definitions for all of these terms were worked out at the conference. These definitions, together with others agreed upon, will be given further consideration by the Bureau and submitted to the Secretary as proposed amendments to Service and Regulatory Announcement No. 121.

MR. FOLSOM TO ASSIST WITH WORK  
OF PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

J. C. Folsom, Division of Land Economics, has been requested to assist with the President's Conference on Home Building and Home Ownership. Mr. Folsom will serve on the Sub-Committee on Housing of Special Groups. As tentatively outlined, the Sub-Committee will study: (a) Part-time farmers; (b) Migratory laborers and families; (c) Mexican laborers as a racial group; (d) Villages built in relation to special types of agriculture, like canning villages; (e) Lumber camps; (f) Coastal fishing villages; and (g) Mining villages.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ANNOUNCES  
EXAMINATIONS FOR THIS BUREAU.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations for the positions of Senior Agricultural Economist, salary \$4600-\$5400 a year; Agricultural Economist, salary \$3800-\$4600 a year; Associate Agricultural Economist, salary \$3200-\$3800 a year; and Assistant Agricultural Economist, salary \$2600-\$3200 a year. A separate list of eligibles in each grade will be established for each of the following optional subjects: (1) crop and livestock forecasting; (2) farm finance; (3) farm management; (4) foreign competition and demand; (5) marketing (livestock, wool, fruits and vegetables, or cotton). Applicants should state in their applications the optional or optionals in which they desire to qualify. The closing date of receipt of the applications by the Commission at Washington for entrance to these examinations is July 2.

The Commission has announced an examination for Junior Agricultural Economist, salary \$2000-\$2600 a year, in the optional subjects: (1) crop and livestock forecasting; (2) farm management; (3) transportation. Applications for this examination must be on file with the Commission not later than July 7.

An open competitive examination for Junior Marketing Specialist (Tobacco), salary \$2000-\$2600, also has been announced by the Commission, for which applications will be received not later than July 7.

Full information as to education, training, and other requirements for entrance to these examinations is contained in the separate announcements, copies of which may be obtained from the Personnel Section of the Bureau or direct from the Civil Service Commission.

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS EXTENSION  
RECORDS BIG STEP FORWARD FOR 1930.

Agricultural economics extension made an appreciable advance in 1930. During the past year 84 additional full-time or part-time extension economists were added in the States. There was an increase of 22 specialists of farm management and 40 specialists of marketing. The largest increases in these personnel came in the southern and north-central regions. Several States enlarged their work in agricultural economics as a distinct subject by appointing specialists in this line. Thirty-six States are now listed as having agricultural economics specialists. The totals for the year 1930-31 are as follows: Farm management 70; marketing 98, and agricultural economics 36, making a total of 204.

The total distribution of outlook reports, the basic one issued by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics and individual ones by the States, has increased from 689,000 to 1,850,000 copies a year. There were 7,850 extension outlook meetings held in 1930, as against 3,700 such meetings in 1929. Attendance at these meetings increased during that period from 188,000 to 575,250. The number of meetings for training outlook workers also has grown from 540 to 1,285, with an increased attendance of from 16,000 to approximately 25,000. In addition, outlook material was disseminated at many other meetings in which crop and livestock problems were being considered. Over the radio 1,670 talks were given on economic subjects. Outlook reports were used by 135,943 farmers this year as a basis for readjustment in farming operations. Greater stress on the local adaptation and application of outlook information is believed to be largely responsible for the fact that outlook work more than doubled in the States during the year.

The bringing together of State Extension workers and representatives of the Extension Service and the research and commodity men of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in Washington at the national outlook conference and at five regional conferences in the States during the last year has enabled an exchange of ideas and information between the groups and brought the State men into direct contact with many sources of economic information in this Bureau.

The Agricultural Economics Extension Unit reports that there has never before been such a demand from farmers for assistance and counsel regarding their marketing problems. The extension economics specialists have given efficient aid in developing regional plans for the marketing of staple farm products and have carried through the year aggressive educational programs dealing with marketing principles, policies, and practices. In general, the activities were designed to promote understanding of marketing methods and machinery problems, to develop cooperative effort, strengthen cooperative associations, reduce marketing costs, improve pack, quality and distribution, and to encourage better business practices. In many regions economics specialists have been successful in preventing the formation of unnecessary cooperatives. One thousand and five associations or groups were assisted in merging into larger units. The extension economists have made special studies upon marketing opportunities and procedures, as well as upon collateral subjects such as credit situations, the extension of credit by car-door agencies, and the general outlook for financing marketing activities.



SEED SOWN ON GOLF COURSES  
SUBJECT OF SURVEY.

The Division of Hay, Feed and Seed has just finished canvassing 4,000 golf clubs and municipal golf courses to ascertain the quantity of turf and other grass seed used on golf courses in the United States. This information is to be used in arriving at the carry-over of the seed on which reports are regularly prepared. Approximately 40 per cent of those to whom the questionnaire was sent responded promptly and fully. This is considered a very high return, in view of the fact that this is the first time such an inquiry has been made. The returns are now being summarized by the division.

BUREAU NOON HOUR RADIO  
BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The national radio program of the Department is broadcast daily except Sundays, from 12:55 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following members of this Bureau are on the program for the week beginning June 15:

June 15, 12:50 p.m., C. M. Purvis, The Price Situation

1:00 p.m., C. V. Whalin, The June Cattle Market

June 16, 12:52 p.m., J. B. Shepard, Trends of Dairy Production

The western radio program of the Department is broadcast daily except Saturdays and Sundays, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Pacific standard time. Field members of the Bureau are on this program for the week beginning June 15, as follows:

June 15, 12:30 p.m., F. L. Lyons, The Grain Market Situation

June 16, 12:30 p.m., D. D. Moosman, Government Graded Eggs

June 17, 12:30 p.m., W. E. Schneider, The Far Western Consumer  
Demand for Beef

12:45 p.m., E. N. Bates and a representative of the Extension  
Service in an interview, entitled, Achievement of Combine  
Harvester

June 18, 12:30 p.m., C. J. Hansen, Fruit and Vegetable Markets

MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU DURING MAY:

The following manuscripts were submitted to the Division of Publications during May:

Edwards, Brice, and Park, J. W.: Motor-truck transportation of fruits and vegetables. For Technical Bulletin.

Regulations for cotton warehouses. Service and Regulatory Announcements 126.

Regulations for warehousemen storing grain. Service and Regulatory Announcements 127.

Regulations for warehousemen storing wool. Service and Regulatory Announcements 128.

The following articles have been approved for publication in the periodicals named:

(Over)

- Burk, L. B. and Spencer, D. A.: Grading different types of western lambs. For National Wool Grower.
- Burrus, R. L.: Medium fleece wool market prospects. For New England Homestead.
- Campbell, Carlos: An Analysis of canned tomato prices. For The Canning Trade.
- Davis, W. C.: Government beef grading and stamping. For National Livestock and Meat Board. Annual Report.
- Edinger, A. T.: Retail meat studies being made by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. For above.
- Hubbard and Fuchs: Definite and indefinite descriptions of the quality of American cotton linters. For Cotton and Cotton Oil News.
- Meloy, G. S.: Relation of percentages of oil, ammonia, and meats in whole cotton seed to the carbohydrate content of the meats. For Cotton Oil Press.
- Mercker, A. E.: Work of Interstate Early Potato Committee. For Journal of Farm Economics.
- Sherman, C. B.: Roadside markets. For Forecast Magazine.
- Valgreen, V. N.: What is agricultural insurance? For American Journal of Insurance.

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- Carroll, Marie J. Key to League of nations document placed on public sale 1920-1929... Boston, World peace foundation, 1930. 340 p. 241.3 C23.
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- International chamber of commerce. American section. Report of Subcommittee of American section, International chamber of commerce on thirty years of Europe-United States trade. Washington, 1931. 133 p. 286 In852.
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Supplement to the Journal of the House of representatives of the Forty-first Legislature. 284.5 T31.

Treman, Robert Henry. Trade acceptances, what they are and how they are used... [New York, American acceptance council, 1930] 77p. 284 T72.

U. S. Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Trade information bulletin. no. 749. Foreign trade of the United States in the calendar year 1930.- no. 751. The cotton-goods market of British Malaya. 1931. Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1931. 157.7 C76Dt.

Ward, Wilbert. The creation of acceptances credits... New York, American acceptance council [1928] 45p. 284 W21.

Woolley, Knight. The ABC of bankers acceptances... New York, American acceptance council [1931] 26p. plates. 284 W88.

HERE AND THERE.

Dr. O. E. Baker, Division of Land Economics, has been invited to deliver four talks before the meeting of 4-H Club Leaders, June 17, 18, 19 and 20, in the conference room of the Main Building. The titles of his talks on the respective dates will be "Soil Resources and Depletion"; "Prospect for Production"; "Prospects for Consumption"; and "Prospect for Competition in World Markets."

D. W. Watkins of the Agricultural Economic Extension Unit left Washington June 4 on a trip primarily in the interest of regional outlook work and agricultural economics extension. He plans first to go to South Carolina, Arkansas, New Mexico, Arizona and Oregon to assist directors of extension, economists, extension workers, and other State Agricultural College workers in planning the programs for the Southern Regional Outlook Conference and for the Western Regional Outlook Conference. In Arkansas, he will also assist with a training school in agricultural economics extension work for county agents and Smith-Hughes agricultural teachers. In Arizona, he will work with representatives of the State Agricultural College on cotton marketing problems. Mr. Watkins will visit North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin to plan with directors of extension and other State representatives extension activities in connection with fall outlook work for this season. He will be in the field until July 24.

M. C. Bond of the Agricultural Economic Extension Unit will accompany Mr. Watkins to Arkansas and assist with the training school in agricultural economics extension as outlined above.

W. H. Youngman, A. P. Brodell, Oscar Steanson and E. L. Langsford, Division of Farm Management and Costs, will leave Washington about June 10 for Ohio where they will spend two weeks collecting information on the economics of apple production for use in making an analysis of the present status and future outlook of the apple industry in the State.

A delegation of men from Farmville, Va., came to Washington last Friday and called on members of the Tobacco Section, urging that Farmville be selected as one of the centers for the proposed market news service on tobacco. The group included the Mayor, the County Agent, the Secretary of the Lamb's Club, a couple of warehousemen, one of whom is Secretary of the Tobacco Board of Trade, and one tobacco farmer.

Joseph T. Paulson, junior crop and livestock estimator in the Brookings, S. D., office of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, will be transferred, effective July 1, to the Denver office.

B. C. Boree, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, is making a 10-days' trip on which he is conferring with representatives of the division and with growers and shippers in Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia, in regard to the market news work and the crop prospects. He will visit field stations, including the Atlanta office.

Emil Rauchenstein, Division of Farm Management and Costs, is making a six weeks' trip in the northeastern States where he is gathering special information on the economics of the dairy and poultry industries. In Connecticut, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Pennsylvania he is supervising field work in connection with cooperative farm management studies that the division is conducting in those States.

Robert Bier, Fruit and Vegetable Division, is spending four weeks on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, supervising shipping point inspection work on potatoes.

B. H. Bennett, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, is spending the week in Madison, Wisc., with W. H. Ebling, senior crop and livestock estimator, getting under way the cooperative agreement between the Bureau and the Wisconsin State Department of Agriculture and Marketing covering statistics on the production of manufactured dairy products in Wisconsin. Effective July 1 the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products will change its quarterly report on manufactured dairy products to a semi-annual report.

John R. Mayes reported June 1 in the New York office of the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool for duty as meat grader.

W. W. Wilcox, Division of Farm Management and Costs, is now traveling in Minnesota, cooperating with research workers of the University of Minnesota in the development of additional phases of an economic study covering the relation of certain human factors to success in farm organization and operation. He will be in the field until September.

Thomas F. McDonough, associate crop and livestock estimator for West Virginia, and Richard C. Ross, associate crop and livestock estimator for Maryland, are in Washington to assist the Crop Reporting Board with the June crop report.



C. A. Burmeister, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, represented the Bureau at a meeting called by the National Livestock and Meat Board in Chicago last week. Approximately 200 men, including agricultural leaders, exchange officials, packers, members of the Board of Trade, railroad executives, and representatives of the retail trade were present. Consideration was given to the low prices of livestock and meats and to plans for stimulating meat consumption. A program was also discussed for staging a big parade on Michigan Avenue, in Chicago, June 18, designed to call attention to the fact that prices of livestock and meats are down.

George W. Morrison, Grain Division, will spend the next two weeks on a trip to the Middle West and Southwest, primarily in the interest of an economy program in the conduct of the Federal Grain Supervision offices in the field affecting expenditures for personnel, equipment and other purposes.

Haven C. R. Stewart, associate crop and livestock estimator in the Columbus, Ohio, office of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, will be transferred effective August 1 to Columbia, Mo. Mr. Stewart has been handling the truck crop work for the States of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Kentucky. In his new assignment, he will handle the truck crop work for Missouri and parts of the adjoining States, as well as act as associate to E. A. Logan, senior agricultural statistician.

Marion Clawson, Division of Farm Management and Costs, will leave Washington about June 12 for points in the States of Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Utah, Washington, Oregon and California to obtain farm management data on costs of and returns on poultry production, and on practices followed in the industry. He will be in the field three or four months.

C. R. Arnold, extension economist, reported on June 8 in the Agricultural Economic Extension Unit. He will be assigned primarily to farm management outlook extension. Mr. Arnold was assistant professor of rural economics and farm management demonstration at Ohio State University before his appointment in the Department.

Dr. C. L. Holmes, in charge, Division of Farm Management and Costs, is enjoying two weeks' vacation with his family in the Northeast.

Archie Langley, assistant statistician in the Georgia office, Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, has our deep sympathy in the recent loss of his young brother, Emmitt Langley, who died on the eve of graduation from high school.

Peter M. Strang, Division of Cotton Marketing, will return on June 15 from a ten-day trip to New York City, New Bedford, Mass., and Providence, R. I., on which he has been interviewing cotton manufacturers and dealers regarding the amounts of the various kinds of cotton consumed in connection with studies of the utilization of American cotton.

Neil W. Johnson, Division of Farm Management and Costs, who is in the field on other work, attended a meeting of the Western Farm Economics Association at Moscow, Idaho, June 11, and read a paper prepared by Dr. C. L. Holmes, in charge of the division, on the subject, "Coordination of Research Work in Farm Organization and Management in the Western States between Various States and the U. S. Department of Agriculture."

L. H. Bean, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, will give an address on the subject of "Factors Affecting Prices of New England Potatoes" before the New England Institute of Cooperation, which will meet in Orono, Maine, June 23-25.

During the next few weeks, J. G. Cross, transportation specialist, will be in New York City, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore consulting with representatives of railroads, steamship companies, and express companies regarding the arrangements for reports on milk, frozen cream, and other dairy and poultry products for the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products.

Walter J. Roth, Division of Farm Management and Costs, has just gone to Columbia, Mo., to assist State agricultural workers in the completion of a cooperative type-of-farming study which the division has under way in the State.

Mrs. Rose A. Hyde is a new member of the stenographic force of the Foreign Agricultural Service, having transferred there recently from the Hay, Feed and Seed Division.

James A. Chappellear, mimeograph operator in the Division of Economic Information, is receiving the congratulations of his friends on the arrival of a daughter last week.

Bureau friends are extending congratulations to Mrs. Ellen M. Fineran, Division of Land Economics, in the graduation on June 9 of her son, Edward, with the degree of bachelor of science in gas engineering from Johns Hopkins University.

Miss Grace Weed, Farm Management and Costs, is spending three weeks' vacation at her home in Jackson, Ohio.

Fifteen Government organizations were represented when the annual Interdepartmental Golf Tournament was held at the Indian Springs Golf Club, Maryland, June 2 and 3. Agriculture entered one A team, one B team, and two C teams. A team won the Victor trophy and one of the C teams the Heller cup, each for low net. The B team was not in competition on account of some of its members defaulting.

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## DATES SET FOR HOLDING SEASON'S REGIONAL OUTLOOK CONFERENCES.

Following the program of last year, a series of regional outlook conferences will be held this summer and fall in five regions of the country. In accordance with arrangements between representatives of the Extension Service and this Bureau conferences will be held as follows:

Western States Regional Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah, July 27-30;  
Central States Regional Conference, Urbana, Ills., September 16-18;  
Appalachian States Regional Conference (including the States of Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and New York), State College, Penn., October 27-29.

Southern States Regional Conference, Memphis, Tenn., November 10-14.  
The New England conference is held annually following the conference in Washington.

Through these conferences the Bureau and the Extension Service seek to improve outlook subject matter, to stress the local application of outlook material, and to develop ways and means of further extending information of this kind. The committee method of preparing for and conducting the meetings last year was highly satisfactory and is being continued this year. It is expected that this method will prove more effective this year because each State is making rapid progress in the organization and dissemination of timely economic information. The programs, as formerly, will be divided between Washington representatives of this Bureau and Washington and State representatives of the Extension Service. The outlook program is fast becoming an important part of every county extension program.

## CROP ESTIMATES TO COOPERATE IN TEXAS CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE.

The Governor of Texas has just signed a bill, passed recently by the Texas legislature, providing for an annual census of agriculture. The bill also provides that this census may be carried on in cooperation with the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, and plans are accordingly being developed to reorganize the work in the Texas office of the division in preparation for handling the additional work. An appropriation for \$5,000 a year for salaries and printing is carried in the bill.

The census will be taken through the Texas tax assessors in much the same way as similar censuses are taken in Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska and a number of other States. These State enumerations have proved to be of great value in estimating the acreage in crops as well as in compiling county statistics.

GROWING DEMAND FOR BUREAU'S WOOL GRADE  
ANALYSIS AND WOOL SCOURING SERVICE.

The indications are that the demand for grade analysis and scouring of wool samples, a service of the Wool Section of the Bureau, will be greater this year than ever before.

In this work hundreds of samples are graded and scoured each year for wool growers, wool pools, cooperative associations, wool dealers, and colleges. The grade analysis and scouring test of one or more samples may not reflect the true grade and shrinkage of the entire lot, but they do furnish valuable information as a basis upon which an estimate can be made as to the grade and shrinkage of a given lot of wool. As the price of grease wool is governed by the amount of scoured wool it will produce, and as the report on the sample shows the true grade and shrinkage of such sample, the grower or other party submitting the sample obtains accurate information upon which to base an estimate as to the value of this wool from the selling price of scoured wool, as quoted in market news reports.

Nearly 500 growers, dealers, and others, from approximately 30 States have taken advantage of this service which affords them an opportunity to better understand the grades and shrinkages of the wool they produce and handle.

In this work special mailing sacks are furnished for forwarding samples to the Bureau. All samples are graded in accordance with the United States standards of grades of wool by the Bureau's wool specialists, and scoured under standard conditions.

In addition to obtaining knowledge that will be of value in marketing wool, the information obtained is of value in ascertaining the seasonal variations in grade and shrinkage due to breeding, climatic conditions, feeds, and other factors.

NEW PERIODICAL ISSUED FOR  
ECONOMICS EXTENSION WORK.

The first issue of a mimeographed periodical, entitled, Agricultural Economics Extension, was released on June 8. This paper, issued by the Division of Extension in Agricultural Economics, Office of Cooperative Extension Work, in cooperation with the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, is for the information of extension workers. In a foreword, Dr. C. W. Warburton, director of extension work, says:

"The rapid development of agricultural-economics extension work through better organization, additions to personnel, greater emphasis in county extension programs, and the increasing volume of subject matter to be extended has created a demand for this publication which looks to helping the busy extension workers, whether county agent or specialist, to keep informed of developments in the field covered by the title above.

"There is already an accumulation of valuable experience in ways and means of approach that, given wider application, should prove helpful in getting results on a larger scale. In view of the rapid development of this type of work throughout the whole country, a vehicle such as this for exchanging experiences will doubtless prove useful to all."

This issue contains also an article on agricultural economics extension by Dr. C. B. Smith, chief of cooperative extension work, in which he reviews the recent rapid progress of this work and discusses the increased appropriations and personnel. Dr. Smith says:



"Factors that have contributed to present-day interest in economic extension have been the outstanding success of farm-management and marketing extension work in a few States; the agricultural outlook, and intentions to plant and to breed idea that has spread into all the States; the sustained interest of the public in cooperative marketing and buying, with some success in that field; the bringing to the Department of Agriculture for the past three years of one or more representatives of nearly every State to take part with representatives of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in the development of the agriculture outlook; the regional outlook meetings of the current year; and, climaxing it all, the appropriation by the last Congress of \$58,000 to the Federal Extension Service and \$1,000,000 to the States, nearly one-half of which is being used for the employment of economic extension men the current year."

H. M. Dixon, in charge of the Agricultural Economic Extension unit, contributes to the new paper an article entitled, "Extension Methods in Agricultural Economics." There are in addition several unsigned articles, as well as two pages devoted to field notes.

#### VICEING AND TIME

##### UNITS MAKE CHANGES.

The urgent need for assistance in the Bureau Library, owing to the rapidly developing service there, has necessitated the reassignment of a couple of experienced workers. Miss Mary B. Hall, who has been assigned to viceing since May, 1928, and in charge of that work since October, 1929, has been transferred to the Bureau Library where she is now engaged as administrative assistant to Miss Mary G. Lacy, librarian. In addition to her service as a viséer, Miss Hall has had several years' experience in work of an editorial nature in the Fruit and Vegetable Division.

Miss Elizabeth B. Johnson, who has been time clerk for a number of years, has been transferred to the Stenographic-Visé Section as a viséer. Miss Johnson is thoroughly acquainted with the various activities of the Bureau, because of her frequent assistance in emergencies in the administrative office and her former work in the Fruit and Vegetable Division.

#### BUREAU NOON HOUR RADIO

##### BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The national radio program of the Department is broadcast daily except Sundays, from 12:55 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following members of this Bureau are on the program for the week beginning June 22:

June 24, 12:55 p.m., Paul M. Williams, New Inspection of Canned Goods

1:00 p.m., C. A. Burmeister, June Lamb Markets

June 25, 1:00 p.m., C. L. Harlan, The June Pig Survey

The western radio program of the Department is broadcast daily except Saturdays and Sundays, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Pacific standard time. Field members of the Bureau are on this program for the week beginning June 15, as follows:

June 23, 12:30 p.m., F. H. McCampbell, Dairy and Poultry Products for the Navy

June 24, 12:30 p.m., W. E. Schneider, Meat for the Fleet

June 25, 12:30 p.m., F. L. Lyons, June Alfalfa Markets

June 26, 12:30 p.m., C. J. Hansen, Fruits and Vegetables for the Navy

"MARKETING ACTIVITIES" A POPULAR  
WEEKLY. QUESTIONNAIRE REVEALS.

Marketing Activities, issued weekly by the Bureau, has established a record return of approximately 70 per cent in response to a revision of its mailing list. The usual return in mailing list revisions is 50 per cent.

Of 1,057 subscribers to Marketing Activities, 730 persons and organizations requested continued receipt of the publication. State marketing officials, deans and directors of agricultural colleges, and Federal Department of Agriculture officials who also receive the publication were not circularized.

The mailing list has been increasing by about 100 names annually in the last few years, circulation being limited to persons engaged in official Federal or State marketing work, to those cooperating with the department, or to those in a position to give further distribution to the information contained in the publication.

Persons who requested retention of their names on the mailing list stated variously that they use the publication in "economic research," "agricultural teaching," "marketing information," and "keeping informed of what Federal and State agencies are doing in marketing and economics."

MR. OLSEN HONOR GUEST  
AT LUNCHEON.

Mr. Olsen was the honor guest at a luncheon given May 28 by E. A. Foley, agricultural attaché, at the American Club in London, England. In addition to Mr. Olsen and Mr. Foley, the following distinguished guests were present:

Hans Markus, counsellor, Estonian Legation  
Harald Faber, Ex-Danish agricultural attaché  
S. Sorenson, Danish agricultural attaché  
Miles de Wachenfelt, Swedish agricultural attaché  
B. Gerritzen, horticultural adviser, Netherlands Government  
Don Jose de Casa Calzada, Spanish agricultural attaché  
Sir Thomas H. Middleton, Development Commission  
F. Grant, Empire Marketing Board  
J. B. Guild, secretary, National Farmers' Union  
Sir Edward Brown, National Poultry Council  
A. C. Dean, manager, Swift & Co., Ltd.  
J. Raymond, editor, Cold Storage and Produce Review  
Major A. D. Allen, formerly secretary of the National Farmers' Union, now secretary of the National Milk Publicity Council  
S. K. Thorpe, S. K. Thorpe & Co., (Barley)  
Charles M. Simons, Garcia & Co. (Fruit)  
F. Nevill Matthews, John Thornton & Co. (Livestock)  
Donald Renshaw, acting commercial attaché  
Homer S. Fox, assistant commercial attaché  
Frederick A. Motz, fruit crop specialist of this Bureau  
Sir Daniel H. Hall, Ministry of Agriculture  
Professor A. W. Ashby, University College of Wales



BUREAU BREVITIES.

THE METHOD OF MEASURING HAY IN STACKS, given in brief in Leaflet 72, is discussed and explained by W. H. Hosterman in Tech. Bul. 239, now available. This bulletin includes comparisons between the rules for determining volume in use at present and a new set of formulas developed from the data collected as well as data on the number of cubic feet of hay required for a ton for various lengths of time from date of stacking to date of measuring. Several States cooperated in the studies on which this bulletin is based and footnote acknowledgement is made of assistance by W. J. Spillman, H. R. Tolley, E. C. Parker, and M. J. B. Ezekiel.

HARVESTING CERTAIN CROPS IN THE CORN BELT WITH COMBINES AND BINDERS forms the theme of Tech. Bul. 244 of which L. A. Reynoldson is senior author. Other Bureaus and several States cooperated in the study and in the preparation of the bulletin. This is one of several studies of the combine that the Department is publishing from time to time.

FARM PRICES OF COTTON RELATED TO QUALITY, Arkansas Crop, Season 1928-1929, a preliminary report by L. D. Howell, Division of Cotton Marketing, and a similar report for Oklahoma by the same author, have just been released in multigraphed form. Data for the first report were collected in cooperation with the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station; for the second report, in cooperation with the Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station.

THE PURPOSE AND PREPARATION OF THE AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK, the address of Lawrence Myers, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, before the 14th annual conference of executive officers, State directors, State and local supervisors, and members of teacher training staffs in vocational agricultural education for the southern region, Tulsa, Okla., April 7, 1931, has been mimeographed for distribution to those interested.

"YOU AND YOUR GOOD STAFF JUST ABOUT HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD 365 days a year. Keep up the good work!" These are the gratifying comments concluding a letter to C. V. Whalin, in charge of the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, from W. P. Wing, secretary of the California Wool Growers Association.

THE REPORT ON THE MARKETING OF LEAF TOBACCO IN THE FLUE-CURED Districts of North Carolina and Georgia, prepared by James A. Horton of the Legal Investigating Division of the Federal Trade Commission, recently released, devotes seven pages to the tobacco grading service of this Bureau. After pointing out the farmer's need for such a service, particularly in Georgia where tobacco has been grown only within the last 10 or 12 years and farmers are not sufficiently educated as to methods of curing and grading, the following statement is made: "The present system of Government grading established at a number of warehouses in the flue-cured district is probably the most progressive step taken in this industry within the last fifty years, and warrants the support and encouragement of the producer and manufacturer alike. The Department of Agriculture has not received the credit due it for the organization of this work, and general adoption of this system is highly recommended."

TABLES OF DISTANCES, a loose leaf binder containing mileage tables issued by the War Department, are now available in the Bureau. The information in these tables is based upon consideration of comparative cost, distance, and time, which determine the choice of the shortest usually traveled route contemplated by law. Copies may be consulted in the Bureau Library, the office of the Business Manager, or in the Section of Audits and Accounts.

IN THE LIBRARY:

- Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending June 12 are:
- Colcord, Joanna Carver. Community planning in unemployment emergencies; recommendations growing out of experience... New York, Russell Sage foundation, 1930. 86p. (Russell Sage foundation Charity organization dept. C. O. 68) 283 C67.
- Eastman, Roy O. Marketing geography... New York, Alexander Hamilton institute [1930] 363p. (Modern business; a series of texts prepared as part of the modern business course and service... Alexander Hamilton institute) 278 Ea7.
- Ely, Richard Theodore. Hard times - the way in and the way out, with a special consideration of the "seen and the unseen." New York, The Macmillan company, 1931. 193p. 280.12 E19.
- Frederick, Karl Telford. The trust receipt as security... New York, American acceptance council [1930] 89p. 284 F87.
- Gt. Brit. Imperial economic committee. 18th report. Tea. London, H. M. Stationery off., 1931. 74p. 280.3 G794.
- Gt. Brit. Royal commission on the civil service. Memorandum on family allowances; presented by the Family endowment society to the Royal commission on the civil service, January, 1930 [London, H. M. Stationery office, 1930] 24p. (Royal commission on the civil service (1929-30) Appendix IV to Minutes of evidence.) 283 G799.
- Hanna, John. The law of cooperative marketing associations. New York, The Ronald press company [1931] 509p. 280.3 H19.
- International chamber of commerce. Chinese national committee. Memorandum on silver and the world depression. Shanghai [1931] 13p. 284 In84.
- International chamber of commerce. Europe - United States committee. Europe - United States of America. [Paris, Editions Erge, 1931] 7 v. "Monographs presented to the Europe - United States committee for discussion at the Washington congress." 280 In88.
- International law association. C.I.F. contracts committee. Draft revised text of the Warsaw rules. (February 1931) [n.p., 1931] 14p. 286 In86.
- Liverpool cotton association, limited. Memorandum and articles of association of the Liverpool cotton association, limited. Liverpool, Turner, Routledge & co., ltd., printers, 1931. 106p. Loose leaf. 72.9 L75M 1931.

HERE AND THERE.

C. V. Whalin, in charge of the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, will attend the annual meeting of the National Livestock and Meat Board in Chicago, June 17 and 18. The Board is cooperating with the Bureau in the grading and branding of beef and Mr. Whalin will submit a report covering this service during the fiscal year just closing. W. C. Davis and A. T. Edinger, who are in the field, will also attend the meeting.

Gustave Burmeister, associate crop and livestock estimator in the Boston office of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, received his Master's degree at Boston University June 15.



V. N. Valgren, Division of Agricultural Finance, who is just back from the annual meeting of the American Institute of Cooperation in Manhattan, Kansas, reports a large attendance this year. When Secretary Hyde addressed the evening session on June 8, the delegates, together with the local people, practically filled the large college auditorium. According to Mr. Valgren, the Secretary's address was very enthusiastically received. Mr. Englund and Dr. O. C. Stine, who were also on the program for addresses, were unable to be present. Mr. Englund, however, forwarded his address by air mail to Mr. Valgren, who, because his own address occurred at the same session, arranged to have this paper on "Production Credit As Related to Cooperative Marketing" read by Professor Harold Howe of the Kansas State Agricultural College. Many expressions of regret were voiced by Mr. Englund's Kansas friends that he was prevented from attending and delivering his address in person.

Dr. O. C. Stine, in charge of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, is on the program of the annual convention and group meeting of the Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturists, to be held at Guelph, Ont., June 22-26. He will discuss some phase of the economic depression, particularly as it affects agriculture.

F. J. Hughes, Business Manager, will leave Washington tomorrow, June 16, for the Bureau's offices in Memphis, Tenn., Mobile, Ala., and New Orleans, La., where he will discuss with field representatives and others, matters relating to the housing of these offices for the coming fiscal year and other matters relating to business and personnel activities.

Dr. C. W. Warburton, director of extension work, and H. M. Dixon, in charge of the Agricultural Economic Extension Unit, will sail June 20 from Los Angeles, California, for Honolulu, Hawaii, where they will spend more than two weeks with F. G. Krauss, director of extension, and A. S. T. Lund, extension economist, assisting in developing the economic extension program on the islands.

Dr. W. J. Spillman, Division of Farm Management and Costs, will attend a conference at Pennsylvania State College, State College, Penn., June 24, commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the college's soil fertility plots. In the original program Dr. W. H. Jordan, who planted these plots, would have been the guest of honor at this conference, but his recent death has necessitated a change of plans. Dr. Jordan was director of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station at Orono for many years. Later he became director of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, from which position he retired in 1921.

H. J. Besley, Grain Division, is leaving Washington this week for points in Ohio, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and New York, where he will hold conferences with field officers of Federal Grain Supervision and members of the grain trade regarding the proposed regulation under the Grain Standards Act covering shipments between non-inspection points; arrange for a pre-harvest survey of growing barley to determine the presence of scab infection; negotiate with commercial laboratories and firms for the testing of barley for malting purposes, pursuant to a study of American barley in England now under way; and make adjustment of the division's field forces to meet the movement of the new crop. Mr. Besley will return to Washington at the end of this month.

Last Friday A. T. Edinger, Livestock, Meats and Wool, apparently slipped one over on most of his co-workers and went away to be married. Only one member of the division was let into the secret and he is unable to furnish the bride's name or the other interesting details of the wedding.

Fred Taylor, cotton specialist of the Foreign Agricultural Service, stationed in Kobe, Japan, recently made a trip to the Bureau's office in Shanghai, China, to consult with Owen L. Dawson and Paul O. Nyhus, agricultural commissioners, and to interview members of the Shanghai cotton trade.

F. G. Robb, in charge of regulatory work of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, attended a hearing under the P. A. C. Act, June 9, in Riverhead, L. I., N. Y., involving a claim for damages by Felix Spatola & Son vs. I. M. Young & Co. and the Long Island Produce & Fertilizer Co., involving 10 cars of potatoes.

W. C. Ten Eyck, in charge of the Telegraph Section, is in Kansas City, Mo., this week attending the meeting of the market news service staff of the Division of Hay, Feed and Seed. (See The B.A.E. News of May 26). Following the meeting he will visit the leased wire offices in the vicinity of Kansas City.

Instructions have been issued to close the following leased wire offices of the Bureau on July 31: Jackson, Miss., Jacksonville, Fla., New Orleans, La., and San Antonio, Tex. It is expected that these offices will be reopened about November 1, next.

R. K. Smith, formerly associate crop and livestock estimator in Illinois, reported in Washington June 8, to become assistant to J. B. Shepard in the dairy production work of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates. He will replace Joseph T. Orr, who is now assisting Joseph A. Becker with the historical revision of crop acreage project.

Interesting news has been received from Buenos Aires of the marriage on June 3 of Hugo Jacques Keezer and Señorita Sofia Bernhardt. Señor Keezer is engaged in the Bureau's Buenos Aires office as a translator and he assists also with the statistical work. Washington co-workers send their best wishes for happiness to Señor and Señora Keezer.

A hearing was held under the P. A. C. Act in Washington, June 12, before Judge Dillman of the Solicitor's office, representing Secretary Hyde, in the case of Mussleman vs. Leishear. The complainant alleged the rejection of a car of peaches without good and sufficient cause. The hearing lasted from 10:30 a. m. to 2:30 p. m.

As a member of the District of Columbia Bar, Miss Mary J. Raymond, Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, will accompany a party of American lawyers who are sailing from New York City, July 6, on the S. S. France for Europe. This six weeks' trip is a part of the international post-graduate course for the American Bar. In addition to a lecture course on board ship, the class will visit the Hague, law courts, colleges, and prisons in the principal cities of England, France, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, and Holland. The usual tourists points of interest will also be included in the trip.

John L. Wilson, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, and Miss Dell McCracken of Clarendon, Va., will be married at the Ballston Christian Church, Ballston, Va., at 5:30 p.m., June 30. Formal invitations are not being extended to the wedding, but Mr. Wilson has expressed the desire that his Bureau friends will be present. Congratulations and good wishes!

More important recently to B. E. Surry than market news has been the information he has been imparting of the birth of a daughter, Virginia Lee, on May 21. The good news is received with interest in Washington and we extend our congratulations. Mr. Surry is a member of the market news staff of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, with headquarters at Chicago.

Lester M. Luther, draftsman in the Graphics Section, returned to the office Monday from a honeymoon to find his desk gaily decorated in honor of the recent important ceremony. Best wishes, Mr. and Mrs. Luther!



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MR. OLSEN SENDS FINAL RESOLUTION  
OF WORLD WHEAT CONFERENCE.

The Conference of Wheat Exporting Countries, held in London May 18-23, adopted the following report, which has been transmitted to the Bureau by Mr. Olsen who is one of the delegates of the United States at the conference.

"The Conference of Wheat Exporting Countries, consisting of delegations appointed by the Governments of: - America, the United States of; Argentine; Australia; Bulgaria; Canada; Hungary; India; Poland; Roumania; Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and Yugo-Slavia, having studied the existing world wheat situation is convinced that among the underlying causes for the present depressed prices for wheat, the following points should be specially mentioned:-

- (1) The effects of the economic depression throughout the world.
- (2) The fact that there is more wheat produced than can be sold at a profit.
- (3) The absence of sufficiently adequate information regarding the movements of wheat, the requirements of certain countries, and the quantities which are liable to be placed upon the market.
- (4) The present uncertain state of the wheat markets.

"The Conference, recognising the serious nature of the world economic depression, believes nevertheless that a substantial contribution to an improvement of the present situation may be made through a clearer understanding of the underlying facts regarding so important a commodity as wheat.

"The Conference considers that, where possible, a reduction in the areas devoted to wheat should be undertaken in whatever way each country considers to be most effective and practical.

"It was also felt to be especially desirable that there should be a careful exploration of all avenues for the greater utilisation of wheat, both for food and also for other purposes.

"The Conference further considered that current information regarding the supply, the demand, and the movements of wheat should be brought together in such a way as to assist the wheat exporting countries towards the orderly marketing of their surpluses.

"The Conference of the Wheat Exporting Countries has, therefore, decided to establish a Committee of the Conference consisting of one representative from each State participating in the Conference to:-

- (a) Submit to the Governments of the countries participating in this Conference a definite proposal for establishing, under the supervision of the Committee of the Conference, a Clearing House of information to serve the wheat exporting countries. For this purpose, the Committee shall be empowered to secure

from the States represented on the Committee full information as to the unloadings and stocks of wheat at all importing points, the areas sown to wheat, and the crop prospects, thereby assisting the orderly distribution of wheat in world markets. This information should be provided as far as possible in the form prescribed and at the times fixed by the Committee.

- (b) To explore carefully all possible avenues for the greater utilisation of this important cereal.

"The Conference, convinced that the existence of this standing Committee will develop the contacts already established here between the wheat exporting countries, proposes that the Committee may prepare and recommend a draft agenda for a further meeting of the Conference at which countries here represented may enter upon the consideration of such subjects as may then be deemed appropriate."

#### DATES SET FOR SUMMER

##### OUTLOOK REPORTS.

Outlook reports will be released this summer on the following dates:

Poultry and Eggs.....	July 23
Sheep and Lambs .....	July 27
Beef Cattle .....	August 24
Fall Grains .....	September 5
Hogs .....	September 14
Feedstuffs .....	September 22

#### CROP ESTIMATES TO SHIFT MORE

##### WORK TO FIELD OFFICES.

The decentralization program in the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates which was inaugurated three years ago is progressing slowly but steadily. All of the acreage schedules are now handled in the 41 field offices of the Division, including the rural carrier surveys for both acreage and livestock numbers. In 18 States the township correspondents who formerly reported to the Washington office have been transferred to field offices and merged with similar lists of correspondents reporting to field offices. These States include the New England States, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, Florida, Mississippi, California, Utah and Nevada. The August intentions to plant schedules, half of which have heretofore been handled in Washington, will all be tabulated in the field this year. This fall it is planned to transfer the township correspondents for several more States to the field and in this connection it is planned to transfer several of the Washington clerical staff to field offices. So far arrangements have been completed for the transfer of Miss Gladys Baughman to Des Moines, Ia., and Miss Martha P. Redding to Salt Lake City, Utah. Recommendations have been made to the Secretary for the transfer of Miss Dorothea Kuntz to New Orleans, La., Mrs. Fannie A. Platt to Orlando, Fla., and Chas. B. Sydow to Las Cruces, N. Mex. Additional transfers will be made later.

The division will also decentralize the price work in a few States. Roger F. Hale, in charge of price statistics, will visit these States before the change is made, in order to familiarize the field officers with the methods of editing and other phases of the work.



MANY HEARINGS UNDER P.A.C. ACT  
SCHEDULED IN NEXT MONTH.

Hearings in ten cases under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act are planned for many cities during the period of June 24 to July 13 inclusive. The schedule is subject to change, and it is probable that some additional cases will be set for hearings during the period mentioned.

According to the present plan, a hearing will be held in Altoona, Penn., on June 24 on a complaint against the Altoona Produce Co., involving an allegation of failure truly and correctly to account for a car of tomatoes and a car of cucumbers; the taking of depositions in Pittsburgh on June 25 in a complaint against Hallock, Young & Company, Inc., Mattituck, N. J.; and hearings in Cleveland on June 26 on a complaint against Thomas Caito, alleging unjustified rejection of 10 cars of pears.

In Newark, N. J., on June 29 there will be a hearing on a complaint against Paul Rothman, Inc., alleging unjustified rejection of two cars of grapes; in Brooklyn, N. Y., on June 30 on a complaint against Hashinsky, Breslow & Richer, alleging unjustified rejection of a car of grapes; in Mattituck, N. J., on July 1 on a complaint against Hallock, Young & Co., Inc., alleging failure to deliver in accordance with the terms of the contract two cars of potatoes; in New York City on July 3 on a complaint against Mersel & Fortgang, alleging failure truly and correctly to account in connection with 125 barrels of apples.

In Bridgeport, Conn., on July 6 there will be a hearing on a complaint against A. Abeson, Inc., alleging unjustified rejection of a car of potatoes; in Boston on July 8 against the B. & D. Fruit Co., alleging unjustified rejection of a car of grapes; in Burt, N. Y., on July 10 against the Burt Cold Storage, Inc., alleging failure to deliver in accordance with the terms of the contract a car of peaches.

The last hearing scheduled is in Buffalo on July 13 on the complaint against Altman & Swartz, alleging unjustified rejection of a car of honey dew melons.

R. L. Dillman and C. P. Dorr of the Office of the Solicitor and O. N. Harsha of the Fruit and Vegetable Division will represent the Department at the hearings.

INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE OFFERS AWARD  
FOR AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS BOOK.

The International Institute of Agriculture, Rome, Italy, is awarding a gold medal and a prize of 10,000 liras (approximately \$526) annually for the best book on agricultural economy. Applications for this year's award will be received up to September 30, 1931, and should be addressed to the secretary of the institute.

The award is made in honor of the wedding of His Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Italy with Her Royal Highness Princess Marie--José of Belgium and is to be called the Humbert-Marie-José prize. Only works of authors from countries belonging to the institute and published during the two preceding years will be eligible; however, books written previously and materially revised or added to during the period in question may be entered. The contest will be judged by an international committee of five persons.

The United States is a member of the institute.

COTTON MARKETING STAFF CONDUCT  
COTTON CLASSING SCHOOLS.

The Division of Cotton Marketing is assisting with six cotton schools this year. Members of the staff have already been sent or will shortly be sent to give instruction in the classification of cotton, including stapling and grading, at the following schools:

- Arkansas Extension Service, Little Rock, Ark., July 6-18; Ben I. Busby, Memphis, Tenn.
- Clemson Agricultural College, Clemson College, S. C., June 9-July 6; J. I. Johnson, Atlanta, Ga.
- Rome, Ga., Cotton Classing School arranged by the Warehouse Division for warehousemen, classers connected with warehouses, and others, June 8-27; B. M. Brownell, Memphis, Tenn., and J. M. Byrnes, Washington, D. C.
- Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta, Ga., June 29-July 25; C. E. Killingsworth, Atlanta, Ga.
- Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, Stillwater, Okla.; July 20-August 15; L. E. Dowd, Houston, Tex.
- Tennessee Extension Service in cooperation with the Mid-South Cotton Association, Memphis, Tenn., June 29-July 3; Ben I. Busby and J. K. Woods, Memphis, Tenn.

CHANGES IN ADDRESSES  
OF FIELD OFFICES.

Several field offices of the Bureau have changed their addresses recently and others will move into new quarters at the end of this month. The following new addresses should be noted:

- Denver, Colo.-Fruit and Vegetable Division, market news service, moved recently from the Sugar Building to rooms 229, 230 and 231 of the new Custom House Building.  
Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates moved recently from the Exchange Building to rooms 232, 233, 234 and 234-A new Custom House Building.
- Hay, Feed and Seed Division moved recently from the Cooper Building to rooms 235 and 236 new Custom House Building.
- Enid, Okla.-Grain Division will move about June 30 from the Enid Business College Building to rooms 1111, 1112 and 1114 in the Bass Building.
- New York, N.Y.-Division of Cotton Marketing will move about June 30 from room 1501 to room 2301 Cotton Exchange Building.
- Philadelphia, Penn.-Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, Fruit and Vegetable Division, and the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, comprising the Joint Office at that point, will move about June 27 from Municipal Pier #4, South Wharves, to rooms 609, 613, 614, 615 and 620 in the Mariner and Merchant Building.
- Portland, Oreg.-Division of Dairy and Poultry Products and the market news services of the Fruit and Vegetable Division and the Hay, Feed and Seed Division will move on June 27 from the Lewis Building to rooms 425, 430 and 431 in the Railway Exchange Building.

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Portland, Oreg.-Grain Division, District Office, will move about June 30 from the Lewis Building to rooms 622, 623 and 624 in the Railway Exchange Building.

Seattle, Wash.-Grain Division will move about June 30 from the Arctic Building to rooms 204 and 205 in the Exchange Building.

BUREAU NOON FOUR RADIO  
BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The national radio program of the Department is broadcast daily except Sundays, from 12:55 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following members of this Bureau are on the program for the week beginning June 29:

June 29, 12:55 p.m., G. A. Collier, June Grain Markets

1:00 p.m., L. M. Davis, June Dairy Markets

1:05 p.m., R. C. Potts, June Poultry and Egg Markets

July 2, 1:00 p.m., J. C. Marquis, The Agricultural Situation

The western radio program is broadcast daily except Saturdays and Sundays, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Pacific standard time. Field members of the Bureau are on this program for the week beginning June 29, as follows:

June 29, 12:30 p.m., F. L. Lyons, The Grain Market Situation

June 30, 12:30 p.m., H. D. Hilton, Developments in Poultry Inspection for Canning Plants

July 1, 12:30 p.m., W. E. Schneider, Western Livestock Markets

July 3, 12:30 p.m., C. J. Hansen, On Fruit and Vegetable Markets

BUREAU BREVITIES.

PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION AND AMENDMENT OF FEDERAL STANDARD CONTAINERS Legislation, the speech of H. A. Spilman, Fruit and Vegetable Division, before the National Conference on Weights and Measures, Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C., June 3, 1931, is now available in mimeographed form for distribution.

PUBLICATIONS RELATING TO FARM POPULATION AND RURAL LIFE are listed in a recent release of the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life. Copies may be had upon request.

MARKETING NORTH CAROLINA PEACHES, a recent market summary by R. E. Keller, has just been released by the Fruit and Vegetable Division in cooperation with North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

MARKETING OF EGGS IN THE UNITED STATES is the title of a film recently released by this Bureau in cooperation with the Extension Service of the Department.

C. J. HANSEN, OF THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE, Fruit and Vegetable Division, should be encouraged to keep up the high standard of his talks on fruits and vegetables in his daily broadcasts on the western radio program, with such a complimentary comment as the following from a prominent produce dealer in his State: "I have been hearing your familiar voice over the radio every Friday during the noon hour. Your talk is very instructive and valuable. It differs from so many instructive talks in that it is so entertainingly given. You successfully take the dryness out of statistics and aptly apply them. Keep up the good work."

IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending June 10 are:

- Atkins, Willard Earl. Economic behavior; an institutional approach by members of the Department of Economics, Washington square college, New York university. Willard E. Atkins, Donald W. McConnell, Corwin D. Edwards, Carl Raushenbush, Anton A. Friedrich, Louis S. Reed... Boston and New York, Houghton Mifflin company, 1931. 2 v. 280 At52.
- Eastman, Roy O. Marketing geography in collaboration with Julius Klein... New York, Alexander Hamilton institute [1930] 363p. (Modern business; a series of texts prepared as part of the modern business course and service... Alexander Hamilton Institute) 278 Ea7.
- Foth, Joseph Henry. Trade associations; their services to industry. New York, The Ronald press company [c1930] 338p... 286 F82
- Kennedy, Louise Venable. The negro peasant turns cityward. Effects of recent migrations to northern centers. New York, 1930. 27lp. Thesis (Ph.D) - Columbia university, 1930. 280.12 K38.
- Maughan, Cuthbert. Markets of London; a description of the way in which business is transacted in the principal markets and in many commodities. By Cuthbert Maughan... London, New York [etc.] Sir I. Pitman & sons, ltd., 1931. x, 208p. 280.3 M44.
- Nourse, Edwin Griswold. The co-operative marketing of livestock; by Edwin G. Nourse and Joseph G. Knapp. Washington, D. C., The Brookings institution, 1931. 486p. (Institute of economics. Publication no. 40) 280.3 N85C.
- Tawney, Richard Henry. Equality, by R. H. Tawney. London, G. Allen & Unwin ltd. [1931] 303 [1]p. (Halley Stewart Lectures, 1929) 280 T192E.
- Texas. University. Bureau of business research. Report of a survey of daily per capita consumption of milk and cream in families with children in the fourth and fifth grades of the elementary schools in Austin, Texas. [Austin Texas., 1913?] 5p. Mimeographed. 44 T313.
- U. S. Congress. Senate. Committee on the judiciary. Prohibiting trading on margins on the New York stock exchange. Hearings... 71st. Congress 3d. sess. on S. 5381... February 6 and 24, 1931... Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1931. 43p. 284 Un3512.
- University college of Wales, Aberystwyth. Dept. of agricultural economics. List of publications of the Department of agricultural economics, 1924-1930, with list of publications of A. W. Ashby, 1912-1924... Aberystwyth [1931?] 6, 5 numb. 1. Mimeographed. 241.3 Un39.



HERE AND THERE.

W. A. Sherman, in charge of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, is in Detroit today attending the convention of the Food and Nutrition Division of the American Home Economics Association. His subject is "Food Supplies and Consumers' Habits."

Mr. Marquis will discuss the sources of outlook information as provided by this Bureau at the following three State meetings of vocational agricultural teachers: Blacksburg, Va., June 29; Raleigh, N. C., June 30; and Columbia, S. C., July 6.

The Bureau will have two representatives at the fifth annual meeting of the New England Institute of Cooperation, which will be held at the University of Maine, Orono, Maine, June 23-25. F. G. Robb, in charge of the regulatory branch, Fruit and Vegetable Division, will make two addresses at the afternoon session on June 24, one on "The Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act in Operation," and the other on "What Consumers in Northeastern United States Want for Potatoes." L. H. Bean, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, will address the morning session on June 25, his subject being "Factors Affecting Prices of New England Potatoes." L. C. Tenny, former chief of this Bureau and now with the Chicago Merchandise Exchange, also is on the program of this meeting.

William I. Holt, of the Charleston office, Division of Cotton Marketing, has the sincere sympathy of his friends in the recent death of his father.

Dr. T. B. Manny, Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, will return to Washington about June 29 from a field trip in North and South Carolina, Alabama and Mississippi, where he has been making a study of farmer's opinions as factors in cotton acreage determinations.

Lester DeW. Mallory, who last week joined the force of the Foreign Agricultural Service, will sail from New York on June 24 on the S. S. President Roosevelt for Cherbourg, France. He will immediately proceed to Marseilles to take up his duties as assistant agricultural commissioner in the Bureau's office at that point. Mr. Mallory was research assistant in agricultural economics in the Giannini Foundation, University of California, before entering the Bureau.

The drive for funds for the Welfare Association which began in the Department on June 15 met a hearty response in the Bureau the first few days, with a prompt return of more than \$100 from five divisions. Since that time, however, interest has lagged and no further contributions have been reported. A different method of soliciting funds is being tried this year in an effort to increase the number of contributions. Instead of the usual pledge card system heretofore used, the campaign is being conducted on the basis of cash contributions of \$1 from as many employees as may be induced to contribute.

The annual report of R. M. Reese, President of the Welfare Association, copies of which have been distributed to each division, lists specific instances of aid extended to Department workers who were in rather desperate need. Such cases indicate the necessity for actively supporting this cause. If you have not read Mr. Reese's report, will you not do so? It is believed you will then want to contribute the small sum requested for use in helping a fellow worker not so well off as yourself.

Miss Emily L. Day, library specialist in cotton marketing, and Miss Mary F. Carpenter, reference librarian, loan desk, attended the convention of the Libraries Association in Cleveland, June 10-12. Miss Carpenter will continue on leave until June 27.

G. D. Clark, associate crop and livestock estimator in the Texas office of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, who handles truck crops, is in Washington for two weeks, assisting Paul Koenig in the compilation and preparation of acreage and other statistics for the July report.

B. F. McCarthy, in charge of the New York office of the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, was elected secretary of the New York branch of the Federal Business Association at a recent meeting. He will take office on July 1.

Sincere sympathy is expressed for Mrs. Gertrude Franciscus, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, whose husband died at a local hospital on June 16.

Donald Jackson, formerly engaged in agricultural history research in the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, paid his friends in the division a visit last week.

John L. Glover, Jr., meat grader at Buffalo, N. Y., was called to Hyannis, Mass., last week on account of the serious illness of his father. W. C. Davis of the Washington office of the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool has been substituting in Buffalo in Mr. Glover's absence.

Statistical and Historical Research report the following division vacationists, all of whom are making their trips by motor: Miss Esther Johnson, June 15-July 5, Kentucky, Indiana and Wisconsin; Mrs. Fannie M. Palmer, June 19-July 5, Kentucky; Miss Nellie Lawrence, June 20-July 8, Kentucky; Mrs. Jessie Rynearson, June 20-July 11, Chicago and Detroit.

Washington friends send their best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. William Edwin Schneider. Mr. Schneider, in charge of the San Francisco office of the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, and Mrs. Nellie Josephine Dinsdale were married in that city on June 13.

Word from the field from A. T. Edinger, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, confirms our report of last week that he is married. The bride was Mrs. Mildred M. Cassady.

We reprint below the rhyme and wish we could reproduce the artistic card announcing the birth of the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Ebling. We are told that Mrs. Ebling is an artist and that the card is her work. Mr. Ebling is in charge of the Madison, Wis., office of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates.

A second sprout on the family tree,  
Walter Richard his name shall be;  
Nine pounds seven ounces is his weight,  
June fifteenth his birth date.

The following leased wire offices will be closed on June 30 and not on July 31, as reported in The B. A. E. News of June 16, 1931: Jackson, Miss., Jacksonville, Fla., New Orleans, La., and San Antonio, Tex.



# THE B. A. E. NEWS

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## TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THE BUREAU:

All employees of the Bureau undoubtedly know that the Federal Government is faced with a large deficit and that the President has called on the Departments and other Executive branches of the Government to exercise strict economy. In conforming to this policy, we have worked out a program of retrenchment, of which the division leaders were notified a few days ago. The present program contemplates that no promotions will be approved during the coming year, that vacancies will be filled only when absolutely necessary, and that there will be rigid control otherwise of salary liabilities. It is contemplated, also, that expenditures will be discontinued or curtailed, as conditions indicate, on behalf of any project or station not altogether essential in the present situation. Expenditures for travel should be kept to the minimum, and full advantage taken of lower prices in the purchase of supplies and equipment.

In carrying out our economy program, every employee in the Bureau can give material aid. Therefore, it is urged that each employee in his or her particular capacity bear in mind the need for economy now confronting all branches of the Bureau. This can be done best by efficient work and by special care in expenditures of every kind, including the use of property and supplies. If everyone will do his or her part, we shall be able to effect the necessary economy with the minimum of difficulty and with the least interference with the essential services of the Bureau.



Acting Chief of Bureau.

## PREPARATIONS MADE FOR ECONOMIC STUDY OF POULTRY INDUSTRY.

The Division of Farm Management and Costs is preparing to make an economic study of the poultry industry, with special reference to farm management phases. Marion Clawson has been assigned to this project, and others of the division will devote considerable time to the work.

As a preliminary step, members of the division are visiting State agricultural colleges, experiment stations, and other State agencies to find out what farm management statistics for poultry have been collected in the respective States. The method of making this study as it has been proposed, is to utilize existing material that can be made available and that will fit in with the general plan of the study. Wherever there are large areas for which such information is lacking, it is planned to make field surveys to obtain from poultry farmers the required data at first hand. In making a study of poultry production from already existent material so far as possible, and supplementing it by field survey where a serious gap occurs, it will be necessary to set certain standards for assembling and

presenting the information, in order that the figures may have an essential degree of comparability. It is planned to assemble data relating to both commercial and farm flocks.

Poultry production is one of the major agricultural enterprises in the United States, judged both by its gross income and by the number of farms having poultry. Yet it is one for which little exact and reliable information concerning production costs and practices exists, comparable with that available for many other products. This is probably because these other products, while not so important in the aggregate, are more important on the individual farms, inasmuch as poultry production until recent years has nearly always been a side line on any farm.

#### MODIFIED TAG ADOPTED AS RESULT OF SEED VERIFICATION CONFERENCE.

The conference of the Seed Verification Service, called in Louisville, Ky., June 24, by the Division of Hay, Feed and Seed, brought together 45 people, most of whom were representatives of the larger seed dealers and the cooperative handlers of seed. W. A. Wheeler and G. C. Edler represented the Bureau.

The most important action taken at the conference was the adoption of a recommendation to modify the verified origin tag certificate. This modification will make clearer than heretofore that the certificate applies to the origin (where grown) of the seed and not to its purity, germination or quality. Several agencies had previously indicated that such a change was desirable.

There were profitable discussions on a number of other topics, but no other important changes in the present methods of operation were made. Those enrolled in the service seemed more convinced than ever before that it is profitable to agriculture and they are willing to do everything in their power to assist in furthering its ends.

The Bureau's meeting was held on June 24 for the convenience of the members of the Farm Seed Association of North America and the American Seed Association who were attending their conventions. These two associations have merged in order to curtail assessments and other expenses.

From the present indications the Seed Verification Service will be enlarged the coming year by a few additional enrollments.

#### MEADOW TO BE LEASED FOR ALFALFA HAY STUDY.

W. H. Hosterman, Division of Hay, Feed, and Seed, has recently returned from a trip to Lincoln and Lexington, Nebr., where he assisted in outlining and organizing work on the cooperative project with the Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station, pertaining to alfalfa hay production, baling, and marketing. This project was begun last year and involves two years' field observations and at least two years of additional work under control conditions.

In order to carry on the work under control conditions, the Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station and the Bureau of Agricultural Economics are planning to lease and operate for the 1932-33 crop, an alfalfa meadow on which studies will be made to ascertain the best methods of producing and storing alfalfa hay with the view of improving the quality of market hay.



MARKET NEWS STAFF PROFIT FROM HAY,  
FEED, AND SEED DIVISION MEETING.

Representatives of the Division of Hay, Feed, and Seed who returned to Washington last week reported very profitable results from the recent market news staff conference held in Kansas City June 15 to 20. The meeting was particularly advantageous in that it brought together for the first time the entire market news staff of the division and afforded an opportunity, much needed because of the recent rapid development of the work, for a discussion of common problems.

While a large part of the time was devoted to round table discussions of project problems, a number of specially interesting papers were read bringing out variations in marketing practices and the conditions prevailing in the respective territories of the men. It is planned, if found practicable to do so, to incorporate these papers and the reports of the round table discussions in a mimeographed circular for distribution to the field offices.

During the week visits were made to the Kansas City hay tracks, the grain exchange, and to a mill and an elevator, the latter the largest in the United States. This elevator will, when completed, have a storage capacity of nearly 11 million bushels.

The discussions brought out many suggestions for the improvement of the service, and those in attendance expressed themselves as having gained a better understanding of the work as a whole, as well as definitely helpful ideas for meeting the many problems arising in their own fields.

BUREAU CLOSES AGREEMENT WITH  
TEXAS FOR CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE.

A cooperative agreement with the Texas Department of Agriculture, effective September 1, has just been entered into by the Bureau. Under this agreement the Texas office of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates will handle the taking of the new census of agriculture through the State assessors. The first census will be taken early in 1932. The State of Texas has appropriated \$5,000 for clerical help and printing which will be available for this work.

WOULD YOU?

If you (I, or the other fellow) were the boss, would you hire yourself? \* \* \*

Why do so? Why attempt to answer the question? Well, when a man does this honestly he is, in effect, holding himself up and letting the light shine through. Should he have intelligence enough, and courage enough, he will then see just what is holding him back, what qualities he should develop, and what he, if he were boss, would like to have another man do in the job he is filling. \* \* \*

Then, too, if you were boss, you would soon learn how necessary it is that people respect you and work with you rather than for you; that they keep cool when things go wrong; and how very, very difficult it is to be patient with those who are chronically irritable, overbearing, and hard to please. Stop a moment and think! Would you hire yourself?

From The Kalends, June, 1921, House Organ of the Williams & Company, Baltimore, Md.

SWIFT & COMPANY USING BUREAU  
MATERIAL IN CLASSES.

A school for the employees of Swift & Company is undoubtedly benefiting from a rather complete set of Bureau publications relating to live-stock standardization, furnished at their request by C. C. Green, in charge of the Cleveland, Ohio, office of the Division of Livestock Meats and Wool. This company has also framed copies of the division's posters, "U. S. Grades of Slaughter Steers" and "U. S. Grades of Slaughter Heifers" and have them conspicuously displayed on the walls of their school room.

Mr. Green reports that the division's plaster hog models continue to attract wide attention, notwithstanding he is unable to place them in an especially advantageous location. Numerous groups who have visited the local stockyards on different occasions have expressed much interest in the models. Mr. Green was called upon to explain them to a large group of boys who came to the stockyards recently in the company of a county agent from one of the important livestock producing sections of Ohio. Swift & Company have indicated that they will want to make use of the hog models from time to time in their school work.

BUREAU NOON HOUR RADIO  
BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

The national radio program of the Department is broadcast daily except Sundays, from 12:55 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following members of this Bureau are on the program for the week beginning July 6:

July 6, 1:00 p.m., W. A. Wheeler, July Hay Supplies and Markets

July 7, 1:00 p.m., L. A. Wheeler, The Foreign Agricultural Situation

July 8, 1:00 p.m., D. C. McCandliss, Cotton Crop Report

The western radio program of the Department is broadcast daily except Saturdays and Sundays, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Pacific standard time. Field members of the Bureau are on this program for the week beginning July 6, as follows:

July 6, 12:30 p.m., F. L. Lyons, Grain Market Situation

July 7, 12:30 p.m., F. H. McCampbell, The Dairy Markets Situation

July 8, 12:30 p.m., W. E. Schneider, The Mid-Summer Cattle Outlook

July 10, 12:30 p.m., C. J. Hansen, Fruit and Vegetable Markets

ASSISTANT STATISTICAL CLERK  
EXAMINATION TO BE HELD.

An open competitive examination for the position of Assistant Statistical Clerk has been announced by the United States Civil Service Commission, applications for entrance to which will be received by the Commission at Washington not later than July 22. The entrance salary for Assistant Statistical Clerk in the Departmental Service is \$1,620 a year. Appointment to the position of Junior Statistical Clerk, entrance salary \$1,440 a year, will also be made from eligibles who are willing to accept this salary. Applicants should state in their applications the lowest entrance salary they are willing to accept.

The duties of Assistant Statistical Clerks will be to tabulate data and perform statistical computations requiring a knowledge of general statistical methods.

Applicants should at once apply for Form 2600, stating the title of the examination desired. Copies may be obtained from the Civil Service Commission or from the Personnel Section of this Bureau.



BUREAU BREVITIES.

WHEAT: COST OF PRODUCTION, 1923-1930, references relating to the United States and some foreign countries, compiled by Miss Louise O. Bercaw under the direction of Miss Mary G. Lacy, librarian of this Bureau, has been released as Agricultural Economics Bibliography No. 33.

LAWS AND REGULATIONS Administered by the United States Department of Agriculture Governing the Importation into the United States of Food, Drugs, Plants, Animals, and Plant and Animal Products, etc., is a mimeographed memorandum, compiled primarily for the use and information of representatives of this and other departments of the United States Government in foreign countries. The United States Grain Standards Act and the United States Cotton Standards Act, administered by this Bureau, are among the measures outlined in this memorandum.

"NOW SPELLED BACKWARD MEANS SUCCESS," A. E. Anderson, agricultural statistician for Nebraska, reminds mill and elevator correspondents when urging them to respond promptly to his July 1 inquiry on grain stocks.

U. S. STANDARDS FOR RASPBERRIES and for NORTHERN GROWN ONIONS (1931) are defined in two recent mimeographed releases of the Fruit and Vegetable Division.

RELATION OF STINKING SMUT OF WHEAT IN THE FIELD to Smuttiness of Threshed Grain, issued June 1 as Supplement 79 of "The Plant Disease Reporter," Bureau of Plant Industry, is a joint paper by R. J. Haskell, extension plant pathologist, Office of Cooperative Extension Work and Bureau of Plant Industry, and E. G. Boerner, in charge of Grain Investigations, this Bureau. Copies of the paper are available for distribution.

COORDINATION OF FARM MANAGEMENT RESEARCH IN THE WESTERN STATES, the address of Dr. C. L. Holmes, in charge of the Division of Farm Management and Costs, at the annual meeting of the Western Farm Economics Association, Moscow, Idaho, June 11, has been mimeographed for distribution to those interested. Among other things, Dr. Holmes says: "Of the sixty or seventy projects being carried on in various parts of the country by our division, all with the exception of two or three are conducted cooperatively with State agencies."

WHAT IS NEW IN FARM MANAGEMENT RESEARCH METHODOLOGY? Dr. Holmes' address at the Southern Agricultural Workers' Conference, Atlanta, Ga., February 2, 1931, has also been mimeographed and is available for distribution.

RECENT MARKET SUMMARIES FOR THE SEASON OF 1930 released by the Fruit and Vegetable Division are: Marketing Colorado Lettuce, Cauliflower, Green Peas and Cabbage, in cooperation with Colorado Extension Service, by Bryce Morris; MARKETING EASTERN SHORE CUCUMBERS (Delaware and Maryland), in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Immigration, Division of Markets, and the Maryland State Department of Markets, by V. H. Nicholson; Marketing Tennessee Tomatoes, in cooperation with the Tennessee Division of Markets, by H. E. Rutland; Marketing Washington Lettuce, by T. R. Hall.

COTTON GETS ITS NAME from the Arabian word "qutun."

IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending June 26 are:

- Dawson Richardson publications, limited. Freight rates on grain. Winnipeg, Manitoba [1929] 56p. (Supplement no. 1. to D. R. P. Tariff.) 289.22 D32.
- Encyclopaedia of the social sciences. Editor-in-chief Edwin R. A. Seligman; associate editor Alvin Johnson. v. 4. Commerce-Dante. New York, The Macmillan company [1931] 710p. 280 Enl.
- Florida. Dept. of agriculture. State marketing bureau. From field to market with Florida vegetables and citrus fruits. Issued by Department of agriculture, Tallahassee, Florida... [Tallahassee] 1931. 108p. Comp. by Neill Rhcdes. 280.3 F66.
- Gt. Brit. Ministry of Agriculture and fisheries. Report on the marketing of honey and beeswax in England and Wales... London, H. M. Stationery off., 1931. 92p. (Its Economic series no. 28) 280.9 G792
- Loveday, A. Britain & world trade, Quo vadimus and other economic essays... London, New York [etc.] Longmans, Green and co., 1931. 229p. 280.171 L94.
- Miller, Francis P. and Hill, Helen. The giant of the western world; America and Europe in a North-Atlantic civilisation. London and Toronto, J. M. Dent and sons limited [1930] 308 p. 280 M61.
- Reichs-kredit-gesellschaft, aktiengesellschaft, Berlin. Deutschlands wirtschaftliche lage an der jahreswende, 1930/31. Berlin, 1931. 280.9 R27.
- Saskatchewan co-operative wheat producers limited. A reply to "Canada and her wheat pool"... [Regina, Saskatchewan?] 1931. 29p. 59 Sa76. "Canada and her wheat pool" was given as a lecture, by Sydney S. Gampell.
- Simon, E. D. The physical science of flour milling... Liverpool, Northern publishing co. ltd., 1930. 222p. 298 Si5.
- Somary, Felix. Changes in the structure of world economics since the war... London, P. S. King & son ltd., 1931. 224 p. 280.17 So5 "Translated into English by Annette Henderson... and Judith Marffy... under the supervision of Dr. T. E. Gregory."
- Taylor, Henry Charles. Outlines of agricultural economics. Revised edition. New York, The Macmillan company, 1931. 614p. (Social science text-books, ed. by Richard T. Ely) 281 T210.
- Woodward, Carl Raymond. Agriculture in New Jersey. New York, American historical society, inc., 1930. 144p. 30.9 W87A. Reprinted from "New Jersey - a history," Irving S. Kull... editor-in-chief.

HERE AND THERE

Asher Hobson, in charge of the Foreign Agricultural Service, will sail for the United States from London, England, July 3, on the S. S. American Banker, due to arrive in New York July 13. Mr. Hobson went abroad to attend the Fifteenth International Congress of Agriculture at Prague, Czechoslovakia, June 5-8. He also has visited several of the Bureau's European offices in the interest of the foreign service.

A cable from Southampton from Agricultural Commissioner Nyhus indicates that he will arrive in New York on the S. S. Leviathan, July 1. Mr. Nyhus is returning by way of Europe from his post in Shanghai where for the last five years he was in charge of the Bureau's office.



Roy C. Potts, in charge, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, in the company of Dr. R. W. Bell and J. G. Winkjer of the Bureau of Dairy Industry, spent June 25 in Westchester, Pa., visiting the plant of a large separator company. The group witnessed the manufacture of a new dairy product called "Supreme Cream," which contains approximately 80 per cent butterfat. "Supreme Cream" may be used in the manufacture of butter, the preparation of table cream and whipping cream, or for any purpose that cream is used.

Plans have been made to open a leased wire office in the Livestock Exchange, Ogden, Utah, effective August 1. Earl Greer, telegrapher, will be transferred from Corvallis, Oreg., to handle the telegraphic work in the Ogden office. C. W. Lamar, telegrapher, of Seattle, Wash., will report in Corvallis some time in July, to relieve Mr. Greer. C. W. Loops, of the Washington, D. C., office, will be transferred to Louisville, Ky., to handle the telegraphic work in the market news office of the Division of Livestock Meats and Wool, which will be opened about July 11.

E. W. Baker, Division of Livestock Meats and Wool, will spend the next two months on work in the field. He will open new market news offices at Louisville, Ky., Caspar, Wyo., and Ogden, Utah, and make a trip of supervision to the division's offices in the Middle West and on the Pacific Coast.

L. M. Jeffers, chief of the Bureau of Field Crops, California State Department of Agriculture, was in Washington June 24-27, attending conferences arranged by the Grain Futures Administration. Mr. Jeffers called in the Bureau to discuss with Mr. Kitchen the various standardization and inspection projects being conducted in California under cooperative agreements between the Bureau and the California State Department of Agriculture.

The death of Edward L. Roberts, manager of the National League of Commission Merchants, is the cause of deep regret among his many friends in the Bureau. He died of heart trouble in Washington on June 24. Mr. Kitchen acted as pall bearer at the burial services which were held in a local church. Burial was at Granville, N. Y. Mr. Roberts was connected with the truck crop reporting service in the former Bureau of Crop Estimates from June, 1915, until April, 1920, when he transferred to the former Bureau of Markets and became identified with the truck crop work of the Fruit and Vegetable Division. He resigned the following September to go with the commission merchants' league.

John Jackson Morgan, junior crop and livestock estimator at Raleigh, N. C., will transfer to the Federal Farm Board on July 1 as assistant economist. Mr. Morgan has been a member of the crop reporting service in North Carolina since February, 1930. Bureau members are sincerely sorry to lose him from the staff.

Jason E. Barr, Hay, Feed, and Seed Division, is spending the week in Rochester, N. Y., training Federal-State bean inspectors under the terms of the cooperative agreement recently signed between this Bureau and the New York State Department of Agriculture, and interviewing bean shippers and canners regarding the bean inspection service and standardization, particularly with respect to certain minor revisions in the standards.

Leander D. Howell, Division of Cotton Marketing, will discuss the outlook work of the Bureau at a meeting of Vocational Agricultural Teachers in Baton Rouge, La., July 3. R. S. Kifer, Farm Management and Costs, also will explain this work at a similar meeting of Vocational Teachers in Langston, Okla., to be held July 6-8.

The Division of Cotton Marketing will participate in several cotton classing schools next month by sending Washington representatives to discuss subjects of interest to the State concerned. As a part of the program of the cotton classing school to be conducted by the College of Agriculture, University of Tennessee, in cooperation with the Mid-South Cotton Growers' Association, in Memphis, Tenn., and a similar school of the Arkansas College of Agriculture at Little Rock, L. D., Howell will present two papers, entitled "Farm Prices of Cotton Related to Quality" and "Competition of Cotton of Foreign Growths with American Cotton," at the former school on July 3 and at the latter on July 9. W. B. Lanham will also take part in the Arkansas school, as well as one at the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College in Stillwater, giving a paper on July 18 and July 20 at the respective schools on "Comparison of Grade and Staple of Cotton in Various Sections of Arkansas (Oklahoma) with That of Other Parts of the United States."

Announcement of the marriage of George C. Edler and Miss Edna Margaret Popp on June 27 has been received by the Division of Hay, Feed, and Seed. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's sister in Glencoe, Illinois. Friends extend to you their congratulations and best wishes, Mr. and Mrs. Edler.

Miss Alice O. Waltz of the Foreign Agricultural Service and L. A. Jackson of the Interstate Commerce Commission will be married July 1 by Dr. Earle Wilfley, pastor of the National City Christian Church, on the lawn of his country home near Brooke, Virginia. The bride and groom will leave immediately after the ceremony on a month's motor trip to Chattanooga, Tenn., Aberdeen, Miss., Paris and Springfield, Ill. Miss Waltz was formerly in the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates and friends in both divisions wish her all happiness and congratulate the lucky man.

James L. Buckley of the Personnel Section and Miss Margarette J. Scott were married at the rectory of St. Matthews Catholic Church in this city, on the evening of June 29. Several of Mr. Buckley's associates in the office attended the reception following the ceremony at the home of a friend of the bride. Mrs. Buckley is a native of Oklahoma.

Bradbury Heights M. E. Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Thursday night, June 25, when Arthur Anholt of the Machine Tabulating and Computing Section and Miss Hilda Pierce of Washington were married. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents immediately after the ceremony. Mr. Anholt has evidence of many friends in the Bureau in the gifts received for their new home. The Cold Storage Section sent an electric fan and the Machine Tabulating and Computing Section a coffee table and pewter coffee set.

Miss Mary L. Cannon, Secretary to Mr. Hughes, will be among the Bureau vacationists during the next three weeks. Miss Cannon will leave Washington Wednesday for her home in Pittsford, Vermont.

Miss K. M. Sisco, Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, is spending two weeks' vacation, beginning June 24, at her home in Chicago.

Farm Management and Costs report the following on vacation: Miss Mildred Crerar, Spokane, Wash., Miss Ruth Cain, Los Angeles and other points in California; Miss Edwina Pettay, Pittsburg, Pa.

A clever card has been received in the Machine Tabulation and Computing Section announcing the arrival of Frederick E. Robey, Jr., on June 22. Mrs. Roby was employed in the section for several years prior to her resignation. Friends send their congratulations and best wishes.